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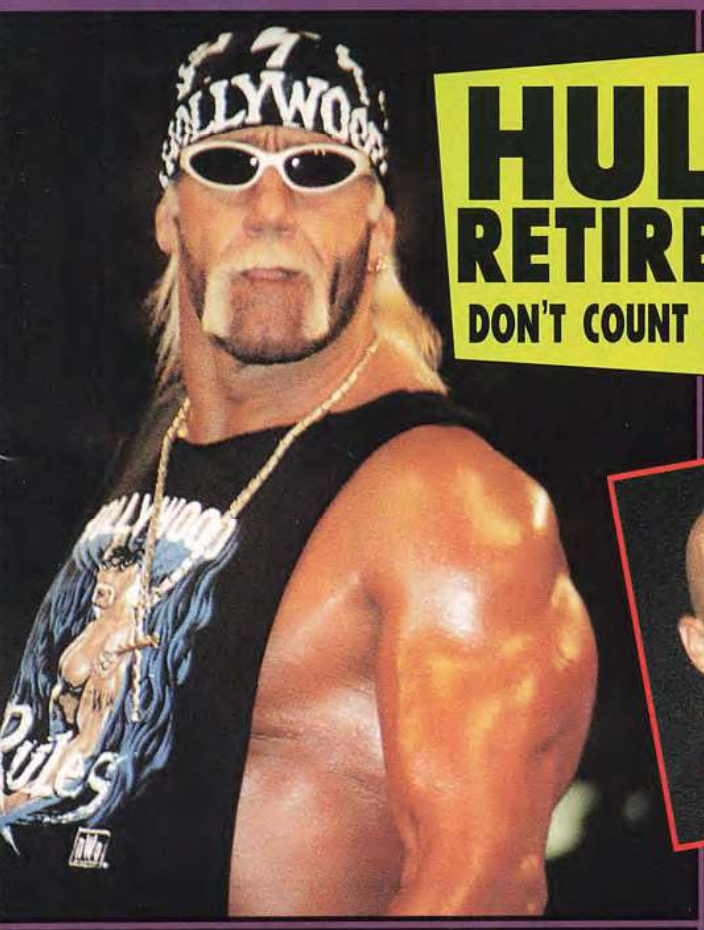

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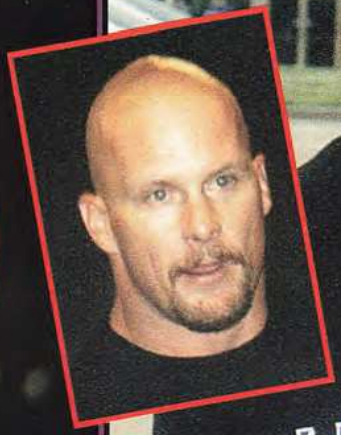

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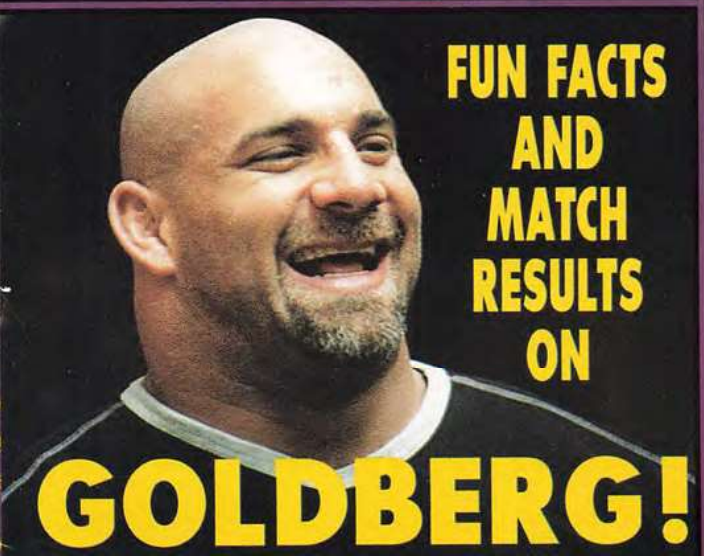

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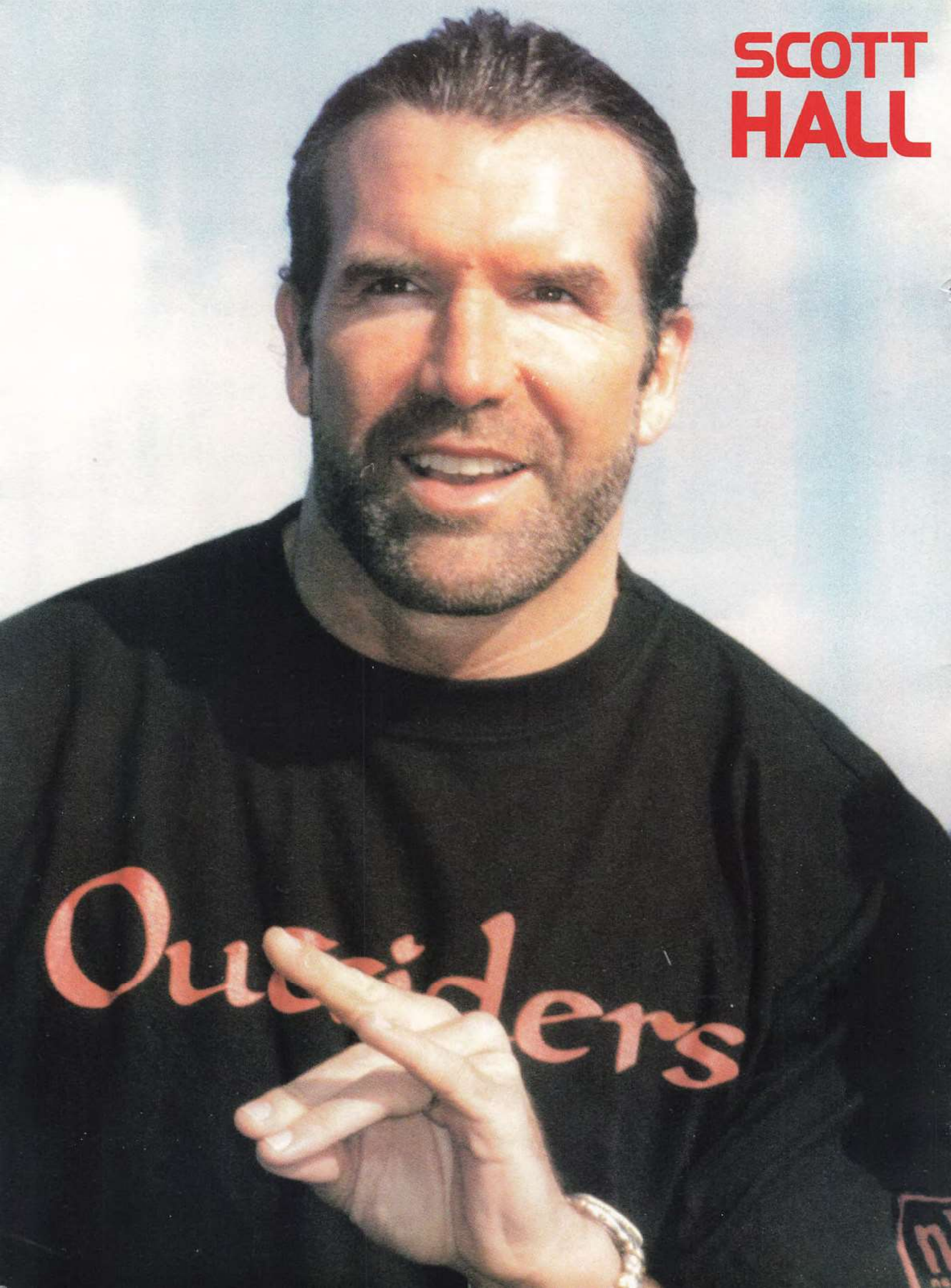

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COMMENTARY
FROM THE CUTTING EDGE
by Publisher/Editor MICHAEL O'HARA

Hey, New Waver! Welcome to our *Incredible International Issue*, also doubling as a celebration of our slammin' Seventh Anniversary. The entire ***NWW Brigade*** is hopeful that you enjoy this issue's offering of global grapplin' greats.

In this editorial I will continue along the same train of thought which began last issue. If you recall, I discussed the promoters' use of shock-value sleaze as a selling point and how they defend their actions by calling their product "sophisticated."

Pushing the envelope, if done intelligently and creatively, is needed to revitalize every form of entertainment. Innovation is the life blood of any creative pursuit. Through the ages, courageous thinkers have laid the foundation for our society. Everything—music, books, sports—have changed and evolved, and we thank the innovators who found new ways of doing old things. In the process, they moved their professions closer toward perfection—achieving the highest and greatest good.

On the flip side of that coin, there are those shortsighted individuals who stop at nothing in their attempts to profit as they pillage. The foolish souls exist today, and I offer them this age-old maxim: Those who forget history are often doomed to repeat it.

The pro-wrestling industry is no different than any other business. It must adhere to a moral and ethical code. Rasslin' impresarios would like to think that they can have it all. They want the disposable income found in the pockets of youngsters (predominantly boys ages 8 to 18) and it seems that they'll stop at nothing in their quest to increase their gross-profit margins even if it means presenting a lascivious product to a child-saturated audience.

Apparently, wrestling promoters assume that no one is watching. Hey! This is pro wrestling. Who cares about pro wrestling—right? After all, the grapplin' game is kind of like the comic-book business, and no one has every scrutinized the comic-book industry—right? WRONG!

Shortly after the end of World War II, juvenile delinquency in the United States began a steady ascent. In an effort to stem the tide, various civic leaders and organizations began a crusade against anything they felt contributed to this increasing antisocial activity. Rather than cast a critical eye toward lousy parenting skills, they went after pulp magazines and radio, which were the entertainment staples of the era. To make a long story short, they eventually zeroed in on the comic-book industry as one of the major contributing factors to society's woes.

With child psychiatrist Dr. Fredric Wertham bearing the torch for this crusade, the response was almost immediate. By late 1948, nearly 50 cities had imposed some form of restriction on comics and over 100 communities were urging for government intervention. There were 32 bills introduced to the legislatures of 16 states. In 1949, a bona fide investigation of the comic-book industry even began in the state of New York, the home—at that time—of most comic-book publishing houses.

The investigations continued, and many were defeated on grounds that they were unconstitutional, but the critics continued to mount their attack. The comic-book industry really didn't help its case much in the 1950s as publishers began churning out horror comics filled with severed heads dripping blood, rotting corpses, and various brutal acts perpetrated by psychopaths and ax-wielding maniacs. In effect, they assisted the crusading Wertham as he stood on his soapbox and proclaimed this entertainment aimed at youngsters as the "new pornography of violence."

A Senate Crime Committee and subsequent investigations sent the comic-book industry reeling. Publishers, writers, and artists of the era look back on the 1950s with very little fondness.

Can it happen again? Would pro wrestling remain immune to the efforts of such overzealous crusaders? Can promoters continue to rest easy as they increase the level of suggestive material in their product? Only time will tell.

Here's a little bit of international mat history for you. Did you know that in January 1976, Mexico's Motion Picture Bureau forbade shooting films about wrestling? The Bureau began rejecting movie scripts about the mat sport and martial arts in an attempt to reduce crime. With one stroke of a pen, the era of Mexican wrestling cinema came to an end after 25 years. Mat movies have sporadically continued as some productions moved to Central America, but the prohibitive costs pretty much ended the genre which survived primarily because of its shoestring budget.

Pro-wrestling promoters don't seem to be well-versed in history, but it's probably as good a time as any for them to go to the library and dust off some of the ol' textbooks.

In closing, it is a privilege to publish a magazine for YOU—the "thinking fan"—who enjoys thought-provoking and comprehensive rasslin' reporting. As always, keep those positive waves!

MICHAEL O'HARA

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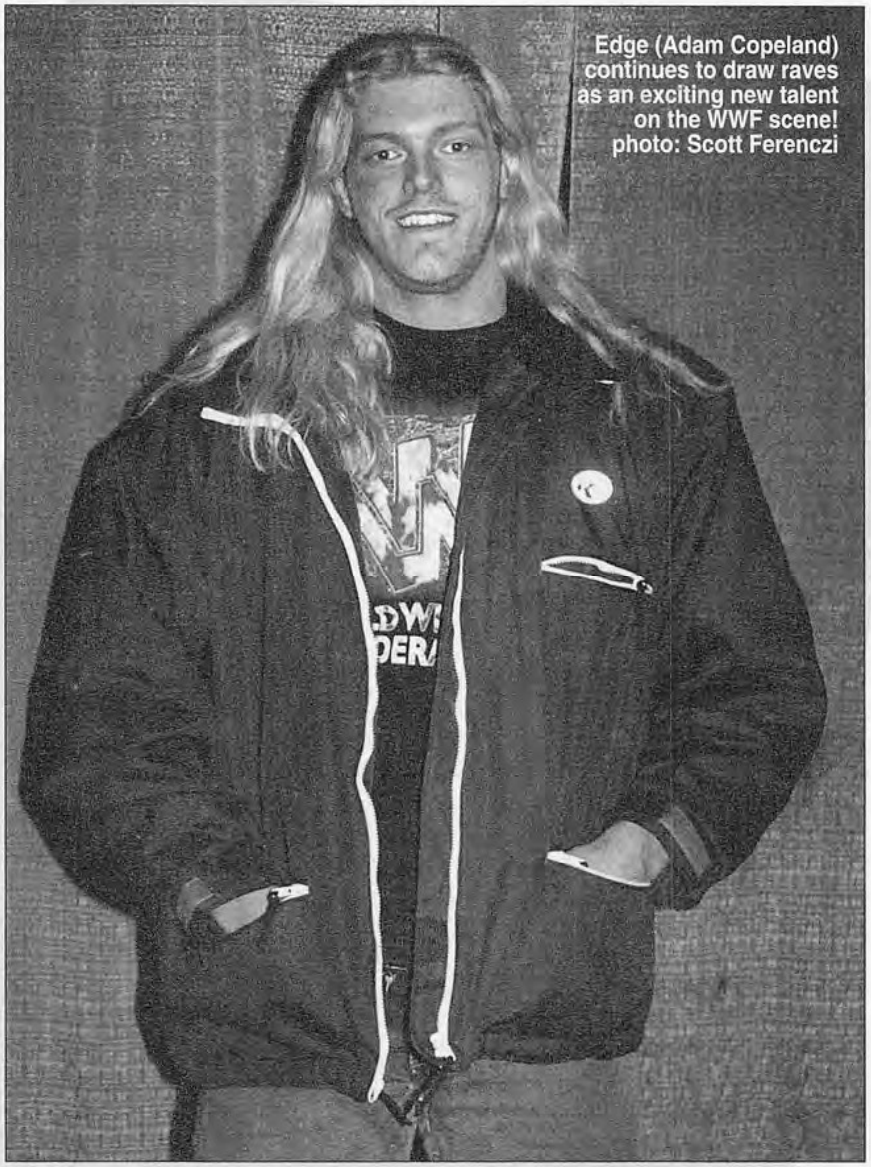


Edge (Adam Copeland) continues to draw raves as an exciting new talent on the WWF scene! photo: Scott Ferenczi

• **WWF:** Shawn Michaels (Michael Hickenbottom) has returned to the fold as the new WWF Commissioner. The Texas bad boy is still mending a severely injured back; he's making every effort to heal it naturally. It's hard to say when—or if—he'll return to active ring combat.

The Blue Blazer has been played by the original man behind the cowl—Owen Hart—as well as Jeff Jarrett and Tom Prichard, who is one of the instructors at the WWF training camp and a tremendous grappler in his own right.

Chyna (Joan Lee) seems to change on a weekly basis. First, her pectoralis major (and we mean MAJOR) took on a life of its own; now, her vivid visage seems to have been vibrantly revised.

Bart Gunn (Kip Sopp) has been dismantling opponents on the All-Japan circuit...The McMahon Corporation (Rocky Maivia, Ken Shamrock, and Big Boss Man) are another gang-themed group destined for dissension amongst its ranks.

Dustin Runnels has resorted to his Goldust gimmick once again; it's time for him to come up with something new..."Marvelous" Marc Mero recently fired Jacqueline (Jackie Moore), which frees this fiery femme fatale to fly higher than ever before!

Besides managing Faarooq (Ron Simmons) and Justin "Hawk" Bradshaw, Jackyl (Don Callis) also writes a syndicated wrestling column which appears in various Canadian newspapers..."Man's Man" Steven Regal (Darren Matthews) is on hiatus again as we print this.

Brakkus (Alcheim Albright) has been released from his WWF contract...D-Lo Brown (A.C. Connor) has renewed his WWF contract for another three years... Mark Canterbury is out with a seriously injured neck.

There have been so many ridiculous storylines created in recent weeks that it's almost impossible to report most of them with a straight face (or without a "barf bag"). Please forgive my wisecracks in some spots, ***New Waver***, but some of this stuff is so silly that it simply defies straight reporting.

Without further ado, here's *As The Stomach Turns*—an update on the WWF's weekly soap opera for the mentally impaired.

Kane (Glen Jacobs) made an ill-fated attempt at setting several grapplers on fire during a recent cable TV broadcast...Following in the same tradition of absurdity, The Undertaker (Mark Calaway) and Paul Bearer (William

Moody) kidnapped "Stone Cold" Steve Austin (Steve Williams) from his hospital bed and attempted to bury him in a nearby cemetery.

After reviewing the situation, the dastardly duo opted to bring Austin back to the laboratory and embalm him. The Undertaker, chanting a strange WWF voodoo incantation (possibly "caveat emptor"), prepared to thrust a sacrificial dagger into Austin's chest, but he was stopped by Kane. (I can't think of a good sarcastic comment that would suffice in this instance other than to say...SHEESH!)

Terri Runnels (formerly Marlena) is pregnant and had initially proclaimed Val Venis (Sean Morley) as the father, but the crotchmeister had an alibi—a vasectomy. (Geez, if only we could have convinced Val Venis's poppa of this process a few decades ago, we could have been spared this lame script.)

The Legion of Doom's Hawk (Michael Hegstrand) attempted to commit suicide by climbing on top of the "TitanTron" scaffold during a recent *WWF RAW* TV episode. Droz (Darren Drosdov) "accidentally" pushed Hawk off the structure, and in pure defiance of the laws of gravity, the troubled grappler fell from his perch and behind a curtain, which inexplicably transformed him into a wooden plank, then continued his drop to the floor several seconds later. (How I was able to tell the difference between Hawk and a wooden plank remains a mystery—even to me!)

Others on this circuit: Animal (Joseph Laurinatis), Luna (Gertrude "Angel" Vachon), Edge (Adam Copeland), Sable (Rena Mero), "Giant" Paul Silva, Tiger Ali Singh (Michael Hans), and Taka Michinoku.

• **WCW & NWO:** Ric Flair (Richard Morgan Fliehr) continues to gain popularity in spite of WCW's feeble attempt at discounting "The Nature Boy" and his famed Horsemen..."Crippler" Chris Benoit could be a free agent by the time you read this. Will he remain with WCW or will he head to the WWF or ECW?

We have no idea who'll be teaming up with Rick Steiner in defending the WCW World tag titles. Judy Bagwell, Rick's partner (and mother of "Buff"), is out of commission with appendicitis. Hopefully, WCW will continue the tradition of respecting their time-honored championships with a suitable replacement. (Maybe Gene Okerlund's Aunt Yetta?)

Will Steve "Mongo" McMichael remain a Horseman? photo: Steve Burton

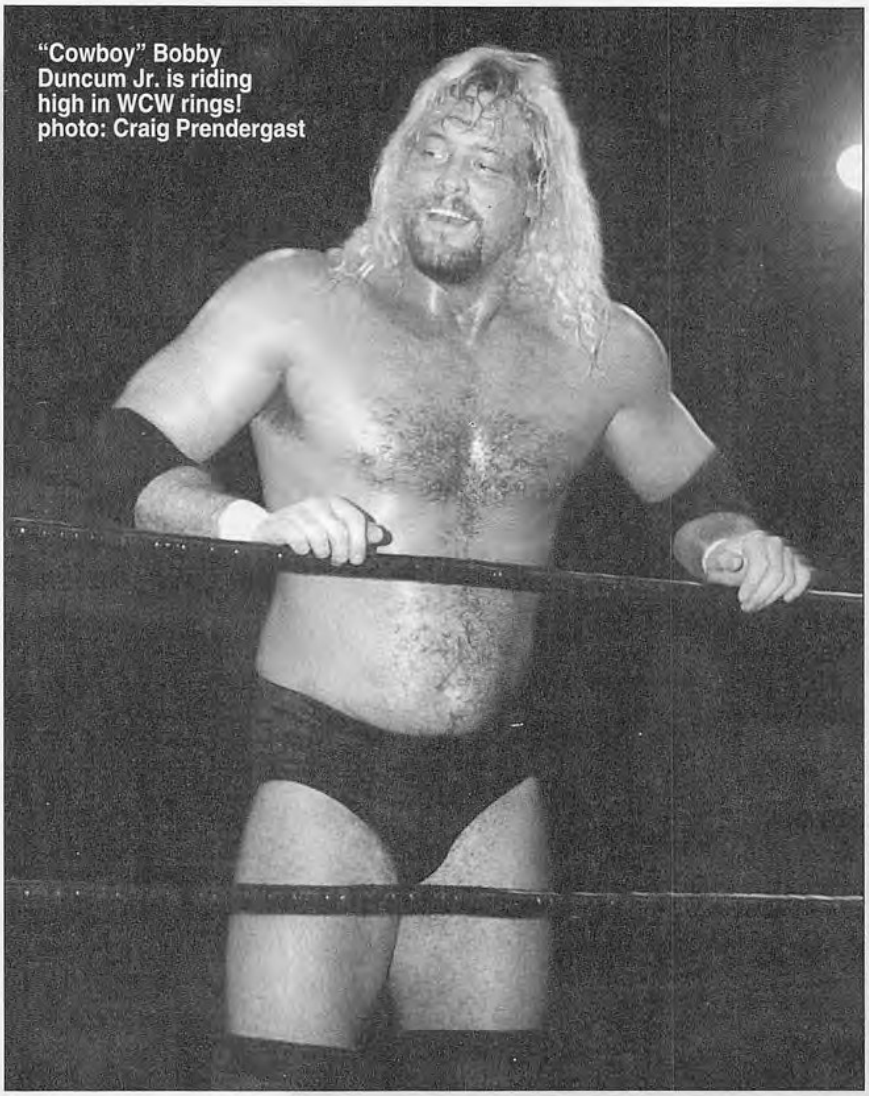
Congratulations to the NWO Sting clone (Jeff Farmer) on his recent marriage...Look for Raven (Scott Levy) to feud with ECW's Sandman (Jim Fullington), who is WCW bound...Sting (Steve Borden) should be returning to full-time action by the time you read this.

"Diamond" Dallas Page (Page Falkenberg) recently signed a three-year $2.7 million WCW contract..."Bam Bam" (Scott) Bigelow also signed a three-year deal for a cool $2 million... After completing his current All-Japan Wrestling tour, look for Vader (Leon White) to invade WCW.

Flamboyant Chicago Bulls basketball star Dennis Rodman is suing WCW over revenue from last summer's appearance and participation in the *Bash at the Beach* pay-per-view event.

The lawsuit states that in 1997 Rodman's agents negotiated a contract for him to participate in two events. He was to receive a base pay of $750,000 and 50 percent of any revenues above $3.9 million from the first pay-per-view broadcast.

In 1998, Rodman claims that WCW offered a new agreement that upped his base pay to $1.5 million, but, allegedly unbeknownst to him, he would only receive additional payment over $5



"Cowboy" Bobby Duncum Jr. is riding high in WCW rings! photo: Craig Prendergast

million in revenue (up from the previous $3.9 million).

Matchmakers are hinting at an Ernest "The Cat" Miller versus Larry Zbyszko martial-arts showdown in the not-too-distant future.

Rumors continue to circulate that Steve "Mongo" McMichael's stint as a Four Horseman will be short-lived...Will Eric Bischoff create his own Horsemen with McMichael, Ole Anderson, Barry Windham, and Tully Blanchard?

Others on the circuit include: The Ultimate Warrior (Jim Hellwig), Wrath (Bryan Clarke), Saturn (Perry Satullo), Ray Misterio Jr. (Oscar González), Reese (Ron Reis), Dean Malenko (Dean Simon), and Horace (Michael Bollea).

In our *Wrestlers of the Silver Screen* department—watch for Bill Goldberg to costar with Jean-Claude Van Damme in *Universal Soldier II*, which is currently in post-production...Bret & Owen Hart appeared in a recent episode of Disney's syndicated TV program *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*.

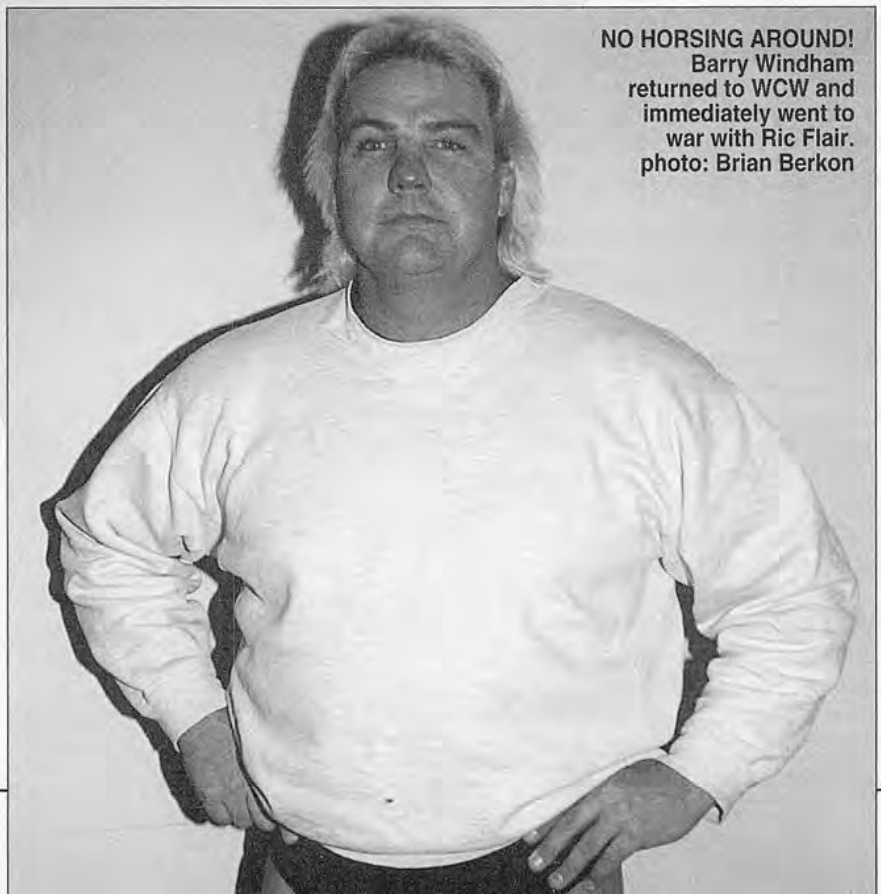
Pro-wrestling documentaries have flooded the airwaves as of late. Since they procure sizable ratings and are incredibly cheap to produce, several networks have jumped on the wrestling bandwagon.

The Arts & Entertainment Cable Network's program *The Unreal Story of Professional Wrestling* provided a nice overview of grappledom's evolution from 18th century carnival act to...well, ah...21st century carnival act.

Bret Hart: Wrestling with Shadows (also on A&E) is a riveting look at the unrestrained egos and back-room politics running rampant throughout today's multimillion-dollar industry. This should be required viewing for every wrestling fan and psychology major. (Available by calling 1-800-900-6952.)

Sliding down the food chain, NBC's *Secrets of Wrestling Exposed!* would have made an interesting 12-minute TV segment, but because it was elongated to a 60-minute special, the program was excruciating to watch.

The Learning Channel's *World of Professional Wrestling* was a bona fide snoozefest. It appears the producer slapped together a lackluster program in order to capitalize on the mat game's current surge in popularity. The show is filled with predictable banter, so insomniacs will love it! ***NWW***



NO HORSING AROUND! Barry Windham returned to WCW and immediately went to war with Ric Flair. photo: Brian Berkon

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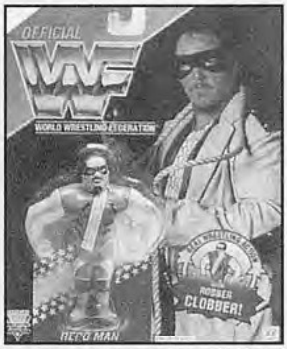

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• ***October 5, 1998 Columbia, South Carolina—WCW Nitro:*** Eddie Guerrero created the LWO (Latino World Order) with members Damian and Hector Garza.

• ***October 9, 1998 Greenwich, Connecticut:*** Because of a debilitating leg injury, Hunter Hearst Helmsley was stripped of the Intercontinental title. The title would be awarded to the winner of an elimination tournament on *WWF RAW*.

• ***October 12, 1998 Uniondale, Long Island, New York—WWF Raw is War/War Zone:*** Ken Shamrock used an ankle-lock submission to defeat X-Pac at 3:57 for the vacant WWF Intercontinental heavyweight strap.

• ***October 18, 1998 Chicago, Illinois—Judgment Day pay-per-view:*** Special referee Steve Austin counted out The Undertaker and Kane in their match for the vacant WWF World championship. The title remained vacant.

X-Pac defeated D-Lo Brown to regain the WWF European heavyweight title.

Christian Cage upset Taka Michinoku for the WWF World cruiserweight crown.

• ***October 25, 1998 Las Vegas, Nevada—WCW Halloween Havoc pay-per-view:*** Rick Steiner defeated The Giant & Scott Steiner to capture the WCW tag titles. (Rick Steiner's partner, Buff Bagwell, turned on his teammate during the bout.)

• ***October 26, 1998 Phoenix, Arizona—WCW Nitro:*** Rick Steiner picked Kenny Kaos as his new WCW World tag-team championship partner.

"Diamond" Dallas Page (Page Falkenberg) diamond cuttered and pinned Bret "Hitman" Hart for the WCW United States heavyweight crown at 10:46.

Horace Hogan (Michael Bollea) joined the ranks of NWO Hollywood.

• ***November 2, 1998 Houston, Texas—WWF Raw is War/War Zone:*** WWF owner Vince McMahon Jr. awarded the Hardcore heavyweight championship to Mankind.

• ***November 15, 1998 St. Louis, Missouri—WWF Survivor Series pay-per-view:*** Rocky Maivia defeated Mankind via submission for the vacant WWF World heavyweight championship. (Special referee Shane McMahon called for the bell even though Mankind did not submit.)

Sable defeated Jacqueline for the WWF Women's World title.

• ***November 16, 1998 Wichita, Kansas—WCW Nitro:*** Juventud Guerrera pinned Kidman for the cruiserweight gold.

Bam Bam Bigelow made his debut and challenged Goldberg.

• ***November 23, 1998 Auburn Hills, Michigan—WCW World War III pay-per-view:*** Kevin Nash won a battle royal and secured an opportunity to wrestle Bill Goldberg for the World title.

Kidman defeated Juventud Guerrera for the cruiserweight belt.

• ***November 24, 1998 Columbus, Ohio—WWF Raw is War/War Zone:*** Duane Gill pinned Christian Cage for the World light-heavyweight title. (J.O.B. Squad interfered causing the pinfall.)

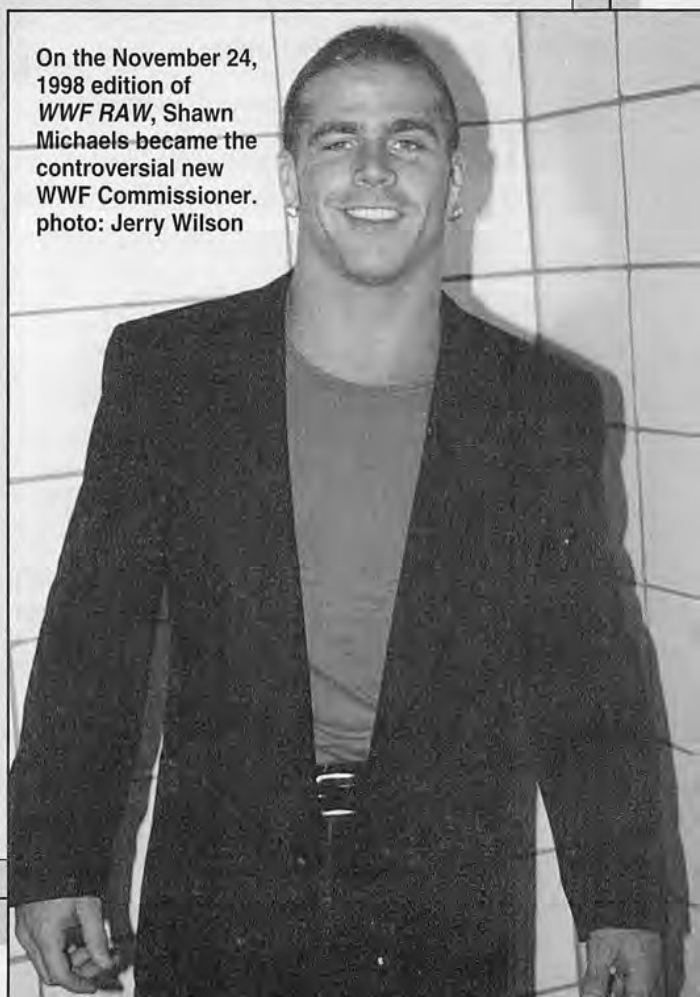
Bob Holly & **Scorpio** pinned **Billy Gunn** & Jesse Jammes for the WWF World tag titles. (Mankind interfered causing the pinfall.) Apparently the belts were later returned to Gunn & Jammes.

• ***November 30, 1998 Chattanooga, Tennessee—WCW Nitro:*** Konnan (Charles Ashenoff) pinned Chris Jericho (Chris Irvine) for the WCW TV title.

Bret Hart sharpshootered "Diamond" Dallas Page for the United States heavyweight crown after interference by The Giant.

• ***November 30, 1998 Baltimore, Maryland—WWF Raw is War/War Zone:*** The Big Boss Man (Raymond Traylor) beat Mankind (Mick Foley) in a ladder match to capture the WWF Hardcore heavyweight title.

• ***December 14, 1998 Tacoma, Washington—WWF Raw is War:*** The Big Boss Man & **Ken Shamrock** used an ankle-lock submission on an unconscious **Billy Gunn** & Jesse Jammes at 6:45 to capture the WWF tag-team titles. (Shawn Michaels clobbered Gunn with Boss Man's police baton which set up the pinfall.



On the November 24, 1998 edition of *WWF RAW*, Shawn Michaels became the controversial new WWF Commissioner. photo: Jerry Wilson

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GOLDBERG MATCH RESULTS!

9/11/98 Cincinnati, Ohio: Goldberg jackhammered and pinned The Giant (Paul Wight).
9/24/98 Norfolk, Virginia—WCW Thunder: Pinned Kanyon in 21 seconds (145th victory).
9/25/98 Baltimore, Maryland: Pinned The Giant.
9/26/98 Fairfax, Virginia: Pinned Sting (Steve Borden).
10/1/98 Norfolk, Virginia—WCW Thunder: Pinned Raven (Scott Levy).
10/9/98 Dayton, Ohio: Pinned The Giant.
10/11/98 Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Pinned The Giant.
10/12/98 Chicago, Illinois—WCW Nitro: Beat The Giant at 2:45 via count out.
10/25/98 Las Vegas, Nevada—WCW Halloween Havoc pay-per-view: Jackhammered and pinned "Diamond" Dallas Page for his 155th victory.
11/9/98 Uniondale, Long Island, New York—Aired on the 11/10/98 edition of WCW Nitro X-tra: Pinned Meng.
11/16/98 Wichita, Kansas—WCW Nitro: Bill went to a no contest with Bam Bam (Scott) Bigelow.
11/24/98 Grand Rapids, Michigan—WCW Nitro: Pinned The Giant.
12/7/98 Houston, Texas—WCW Nitro: Goldberg, Bam Bam Bigelow, and Kevin Nash went to a no contest in a nontitle three-way dance.

GOLDBERG GRAPPLIN' GRAPEVINE!

Age: 31 **Height:** 6 feet 4 inches **Weight:** 282 pounds
Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Current Residence: Dawsonville, Georgia
Marital Status: Single but dating. (His girlfriend's name is Lisa Shekter.)
Parents: His father—Dr. Jed Goldberg—a retired gynecologist.
His mother—Ethel Goldberg—a violinist.
Media Appearances: Appeared on The QVC Home Shopping Network hawking WCW merchandise and has a role in the upcoming motion picture, *Universal Soldier II*, currently in post-production.
Other Business Interests: Part owner of an ultimate fighting training facility/gymnasium in Atlanta, Georgia.
Athletic Background:

- All-star defensive lineman with the Georgia Bulldogs football team.
- Played pro football with the Los Angeles Rams and the Atlanta Falcons, but debilitating abdominal and knee injuries cut his career short.

Goldberg's "Good Luck" Ritual: Prior to every match he bangs his head into the steel lockers in the dressing room as an adrenaline-pumping tradition held over from his football days.
Goldberg Quote: "I thought wrestling was silly. There was no way I was going to go out in front of a million people wearing nothing but my underwear." ***NWW***

compiled by Michael O'Hara

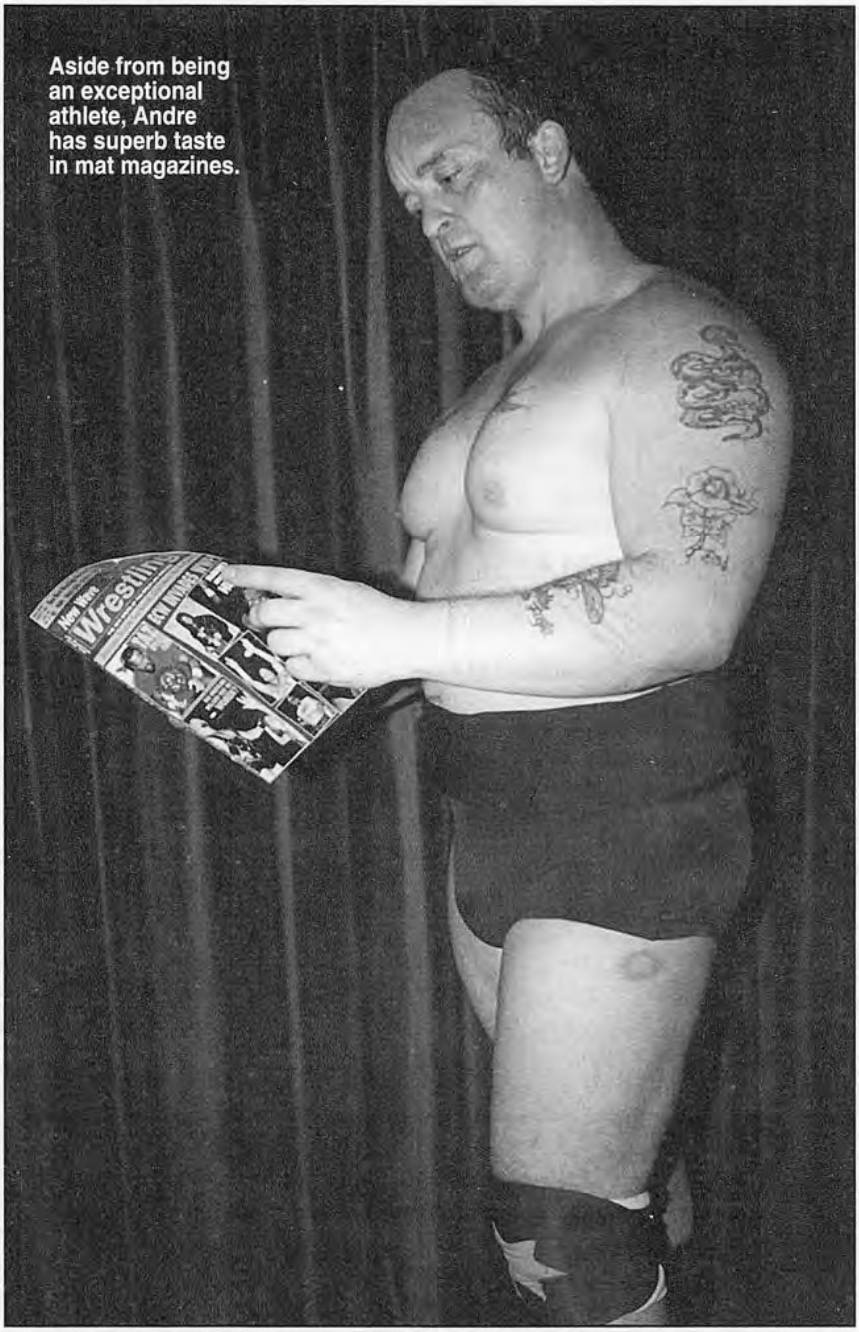
"SLEDGEHAMMER" ANDRE BAKER

THE KEY TO HAMMERLOCK WRESTLING'S SUCCESS!

NW: WHEN AND WHERE WERE YOU BORN, ANDRE?
AB: I was born in 1964 in London, England.
NW: How did you get interested in wrestling? When did you make your professional debut?
AB: I began wrestling at the Ashford Olympic Freestyle Wrestling Club at the age of 8. I made my professional debut in 1980 when I was 15 years old.
NW: What was your background in combat sports before you entered the pro-wrestling ring?
AB: I hold black belts in five martial arts—judo, ring wrestling, which is a form of submission wrestling, jujitsu, kano jujitsu, and combat sambo, and I am also an exponent of Olympic freestyle wrestling and sambo wrestling.

I have held many records and championships in powerlifting, including unofficial world records in the gym.
NW: Who were some of your main influences in this sport?
AB: At the top of my list is the late Mike Marino, who concurrently held the British, European, and World mid-heavyweight championships for about 20 years. I believe he was trained by Bert Assirati.

John Hall, who was a very good submission wrestler, was also an influence. I respect Martin Clarke, who was a silver medalist in the World sambo wrestling championships and World superheavyweight jujitsu championships. He's also a grandmaster in sambo wrestling and was on the British Olympic judo team. I could go on, but you'll run out of space!
NW: Where do you wrestle?
AB: I mainly compete in England, but I have also wrestled in Ireland, Wales, the Persian Gulf in the Middle East, and in



Aside from being an exceptional athlete, Andre has superb taste in mat magazines.

interview by Matt Mitchell

Nevada, New Jersey, and New York in the United States.

NW: When did you set up the promotion called Hammerlock Wrestling?

AB: Originally, Hammerlock Wrestling was set up in September 1993 as a training school. However, the school took charge of its own destiny and developed into a full-fledged wrestling promotion within a very short period of time.

NW: How does Hammerlock Wrestling differ from other British promotions?

AB: There is a small pool of professional wrestlers working the circuits throughout England, with most promoters using the same athletes over and over. Since the wrestling talent is limited in numbers, there is a great lack of good, fresh grapplers.

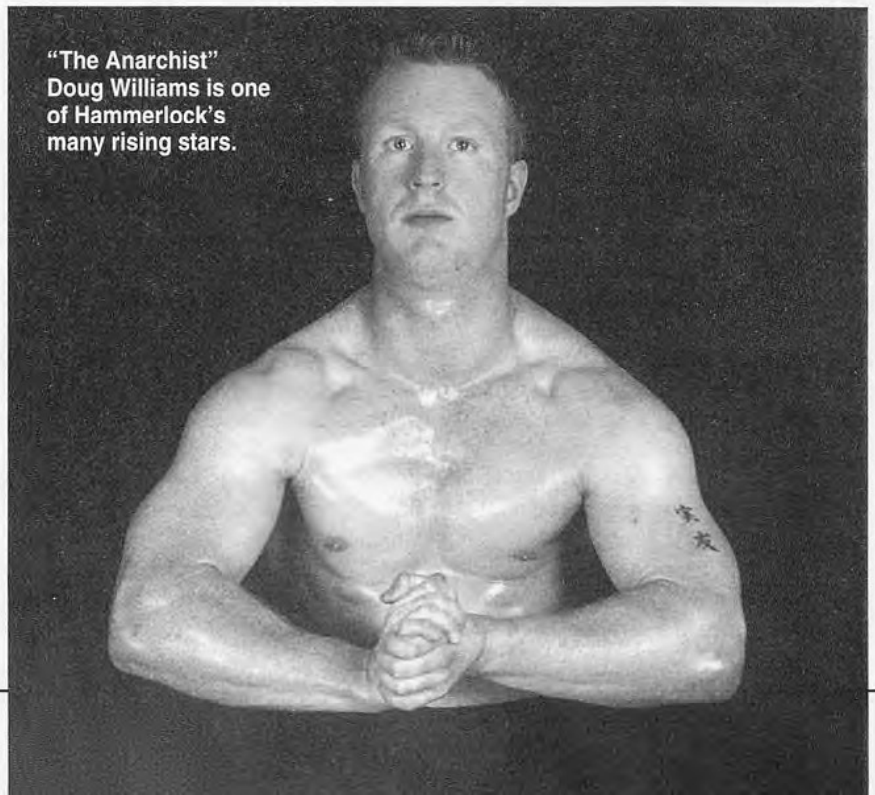
At Hammerlock Wrestling, we developed our own talent pool. We have brand-new athletes; people who are trained by us in our own training facility and who compete for us in our own style of wrestling, which gives the public the opportunity to see fresh faces and varied lineups.

Most of our competitors have backgrounds in either amateur wrestling, shootfighting, or martial arts, and this extra knowledge adds another dimension to their skills in the squared circle.

NW: What has been Hammerlock's greatest success to date?

AB: We are the only promotion in England to bring over big-name American stars for exclusive tours. In March 1996, we brought over Adam Bomb, who now competes under the name of Wrath in America's World Championship Wrestling league.

Negotiations are underway with Jake "The Snake" Roberts for his return to the Hammerlock promotion. photo: Tokio Tsukada



"The Anarchist" Doug Williams is one of Hammerlock's many rising stars.

In October 1996, I teamed up with Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart, and our partnership continued on for a series of tag-team matches in the United States.

In April 1998, Jake "The Snake" Roberts appeared for Hammerlock at a show in Ashford, Kent. I do not want to say too much at this stage, but Jake and I have been in constant negotiations, and there may be a major announcement in the near future.

NW: What is the status of wrestling in Britain today and how does Hammerlock aim to improve it?

AB: There have been no regular televised wrestling matches on British TV since 1988. An infusion of fresh, new talent is needed in Britain, and we've done our best to bring in, train, as well as

nurture young competitors, not just for our benefit, but for the good of British wrestling as a whole. I feel the promoters here could work together. In fact, other British promoters now come to Hammerlock to book talent for their shows. If it helps achieve this goal, then I'm happy to be involved. It's one of the many ways in which we can rebuild the British wrestling scene.

NW: What advice would you give anyone aspiring to become a pro wrestler?

AB: You must thoroughly learn your art before you step into the ring. Too many people think it's easy to become a pro wrestler, but wrestling is very hard on the mind and the body. Many young guys want too much too soon.

NW: What are your hopes for the future?

AB: I would like to marry a millionairess with several beautiful sisters and whose father owns a brewery! *[Laughs]* Seriously, though, I hope to continue to make progress with Hammerlock by taking it into new directions. Most importantly, I'd like to expand our wrestling base by continuing to produce top ring talent. I would also like to see British wrestling back on TV on a regular basis.

NW: What has been the most difficult part of promoting for you?

AB: I've found that people are afraid of change. Many of our critics thought Hammerlock would not work, but we're now in our fifth year of operation. We've expanded our territory greatly over the past few months, and as I've said earlier in this interview, some of the very same people who first doubted us are now calling to book Hammerlock wrestlers for their shows.

NW: Do you have any regrets about setting up Hammerlock Wrestling?

AB: Well, prior to setting up this promotion, I had wrestled for other promotions and was involved in bodybuilding and competitive powerlifting. As a result, I was in very good shape; however, I must hold my hands up and say that the many hours spent in the office, as well as all the traveling I had to do in setting up Hammerlock Wrestling, did take its toll on me. Training and dieting took a back seat in my life and I got into bad shape. It's been like this for the past two or three years, but now that Hammerlock has a main foundation, I shall be expanding my office staff, which will allow me more time for training. I made the decision to set aside time for training at all costs and I am hopeful of reaching my previous peak condition very soon.

NW: What injuries have you sustained during your career?

AB: I've had multiple injuries, many of which are persistent and nag away at me to this day. I've had problems with my lower and middle back for years, and I've also broken my nose, ribs, and

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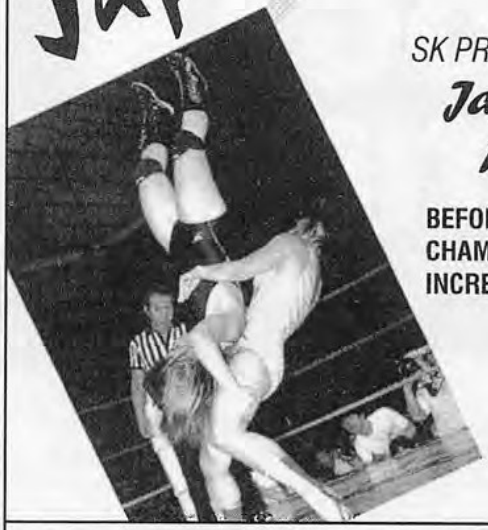

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fingers on several occasions.

NW: Is there anyone you would like to wrestle that you haven't faced in the ring yet?

AB: I don't get too excited about that kind of thing. I'll compete with anyone who brings in the most revenue.

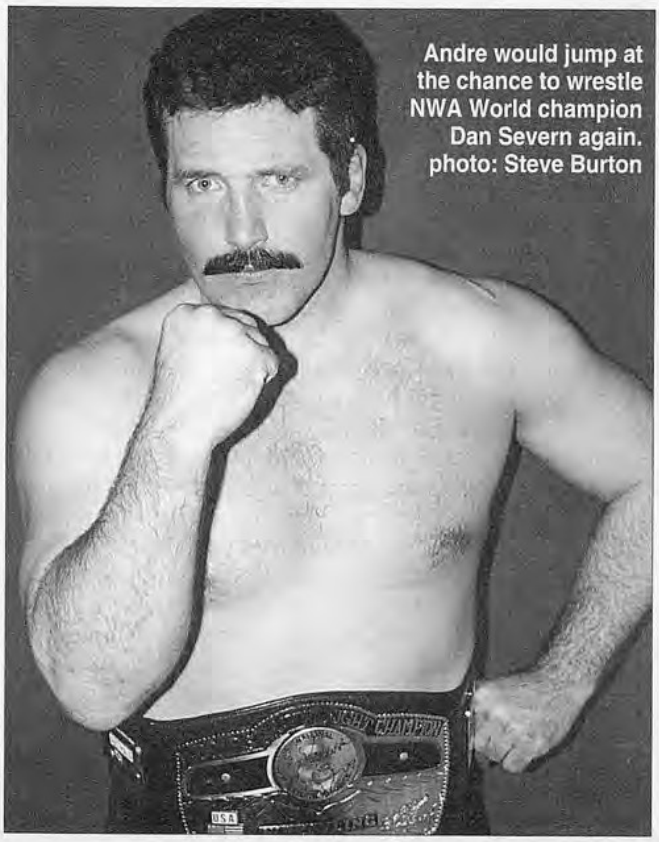
NW: What has been the toughest match of your career so far?

AB: That's an easy question to answer. In July 1996, I fought Dan Severn for the the NWA World heavyweight title in Haledon, New Jersey. This match was announced as being under Ultimate Fighting Championship rules. It lasted 6 minutes 40 seconds and I lost by way of a chokehold. I'm glad I took part in this match, and when I'm back in proper shape, I'd welcome the opportunity of a rematch.

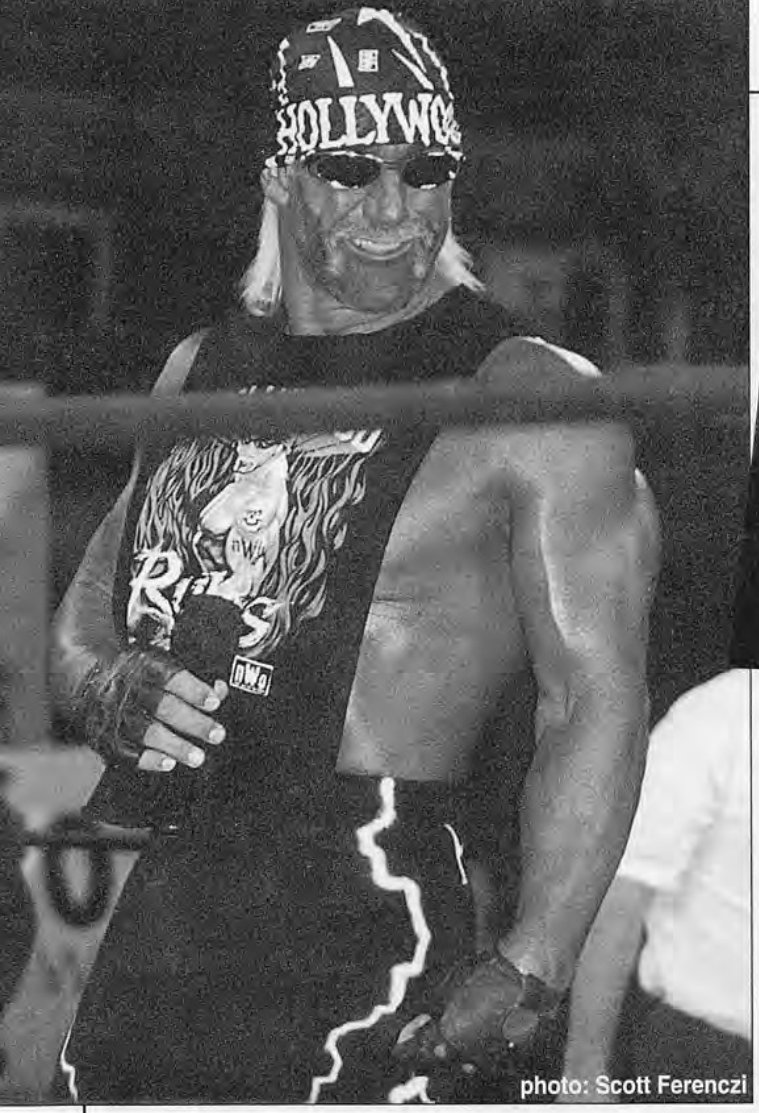
I appreciate the fact that Dan is constantly in demand with other commitments, but I have the patience to wait my turn for another title shot. Having faced him in the ring, it's clear to me why Severn is such a great success. He has held the title for quite a long time, and I have only the greatest respect for him.

NW: Thanks for your time, Andre. Do you have any closing thoughts?

AB: I'd just like to thank ***New Wave Wrestling*** for giving me the space for this interview and for all the coverage you've given Hammerlock in the past and in the future. I have noticed that ***New Wave*** excels at covering the international wrestling scene, so my message to all ***New Wavers*** is that if you like to know what's happening in the wrestling world, keep reading this brilliant mat mag! ***NWW***



Andre would jump at the chance to wrestle NWA World champion Dan Severn again. photo: Steve Burton



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HULK HOGAN RETIRES?

Don't Count on It!

by Michael O'Hara

SHORTLY AFTER ELECTION DAY 1998, THE ONE and only "Hollywood" Hogan (Terry Bollea) went from "Hulkster" to "Huckster" as he announced that he is running for president of the United States immediately on the heels of Jesse "The Mind" Ventura's astounding gubernatorial victory in the state of Minnesota. At first it appeared that "Hollywood" was merely trying to steal some of the spotlight from Jesse, who, in true Frank Capra-style, quickly garnered the media's attention as a modern-day John Doe.

For the next few weeks, the leader of NWO black and white sashayed around the ring wearing a flamboyant white boa, mocking Ventura's previous incarnation as a ruthless ring weirdo. He introduced a Monica Lewinsky look-alike into one of his skits, and it became apparent to most fans that this was just another time-consuming *WCW Monday Nitro* storyline.

Love him or hate him, you can't deny that Hogan is THE show-stopper. Just when everyone assumed the "Hulk for president" skit had predictably run its course, he did the unexpected...the unthinkable...he retired from pro wrestling!

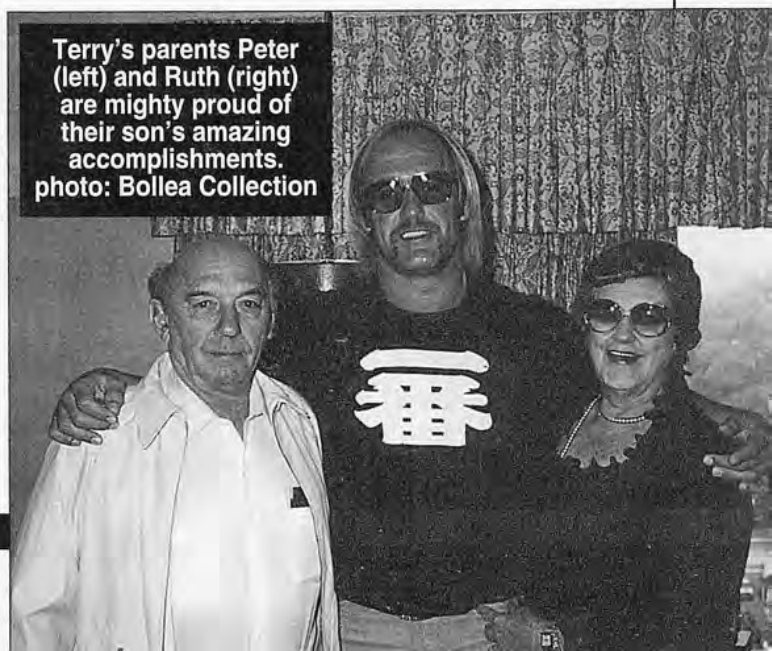
On November 26, 1998, Hulk Hogan appeared on *The Tonight Show* where he announced to host Jay Leno and the millions of worldwide viewers that he was officially hanging up his trunks and boots in order to earnestly campaign for the position of president of the United States in the year 2000 as an independent candidate.

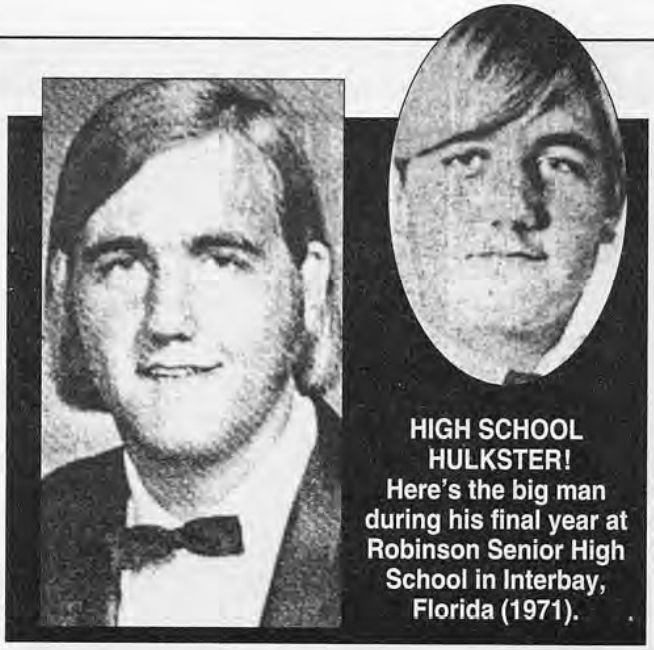
Even during the first few minutes of the interview, talk-show host Jay Leno wasn't sure if Hogan was serious as he chided the mat great by making silly remarks about Hulk's less-than-stellar career in the motion-picture industry; his ring moniker of "Hollywood," even though Hogan had never lived in California; and asked whether or not Professor Taru Tanaka had been contacted to run as his vice president. (Tanaka was a great wrestler, but he's a name not seen on the major-league circuits since the late 1970s, which is, undoubtedly, the same era in which Leno must have acquired most of his jokes.)

Hogan rambled off a list of potential running mates (purely in jest) including H. Ross Perot, Lee Iacocca, Oprah Winfrey, and Willie Nelson; he also went on to say that he would be meeting with various third-party groups and that the name of his vice president would be announced in the very near future. As we go to press, Hogan is still not affiliated with, nor received the "green light" from, any third party.

Leno pushed Hogan to present a few political positions, and in a segment which didn't seem premeditated, Hogan proposed a 16 percent flat tax and stated his belief that Saddam Hussein should have been "taken out." Both positions seemed to be off the cuff and little or no elaboration was added.

Hogan will inevitably make a go of it in running for president in the year 2000. I'm sure that many third-party groups will make a concerted effort to acquire him if for no other reason


Terry's parents Peter (left) and Ruth (right) are mighty proud of their son's amazing accomplishments. photo: Bollea Collection



HIGH SCHOOL HULKSTER! Here's the big man during his final year at Robinson Senior High School in Interbay, Florida (1971).

than his incredible nationwide name recognition and high visibility. While most elections have been fairly consistent two-party horse races, Ventura's victory as a Reform Party candidate, and Hogan's third-party presidential aspirations, could very well open up the floodgates for serious inclusion of many smaller parties who have been kept out of previous elections. The very course of the political process in America could be changed immensely by two charismatic professional wrestlers.

Have we really seen the end of Hulkamania? Probably not. If nothing else, Hogan is master of being in the right place at the right time. With the incredible popularity of Bill Goldberg in overdrive and little possibility for his regaining the WCW World title at this time, Hogan's role on the weekly Monday-night broadcasts have lacked their previous importance. Couple his limited role with the convoluted storylines of NWO (B&W), NWO (Wolfpack), and the new LWO, and you can see why the blond bomber intuitively feels that now is as good a time as any to take a "sabbatical" from the mat wars.

No doubt the amazing resurgence of Ric Flair must have also played heavy on Hogan's mind. Prior to Ric's legal tussle with the mat league, he seemed destined to languish in WCW's mid-card limbo for the remainder of his career. His short-lived firing and subsequent return has resulted in an increased level of popularity for the "Nature Boy." A brief absence could also prove beneficial for Hulk's drawing power.

In addition to the above, Hogan must now conform to an equal-time ruling. As a genuine presidential candidate, he cannot regularly appear on *Monday Nitro* without other presidential candidates crying foul and demanding appearances on each grappling broadcast. (Geez—and you think the Monday shows are bad enough now with ego-drenched, nonsensical blabber. Can you imagine a countless cacophony of political candidates, each holding a microphone in their hand? (YIKES!)

Who knows what's in store for the Hulkster! Perhaps we'll be congratulating him on the front cover of this magazine in less than two years. Stranger things have happened in politics and professional wrestling, that's for sure.

Hey, Hulkster...just some friendly words of advice. I think you'd better hold on to your wrestling trunks and boots. I have this funny feeling you just may be needing them for a few more years to come. ***NWW***

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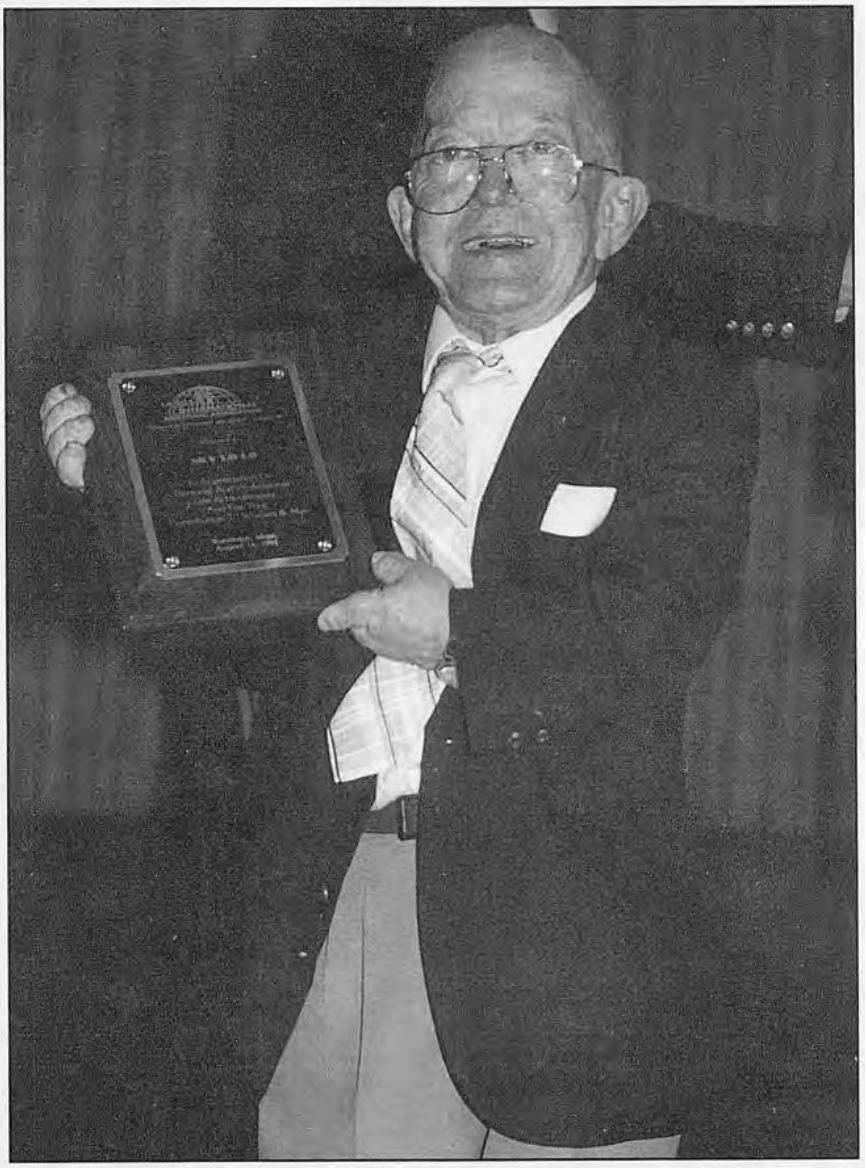

NWW: WHEN DID YOU GET INTO WRESTLING?
SLL: Oh, my gosh, it was over 50 years ago. I can't believe how fast time passes.
NWW: How old are you?
SLL: I am not embarrassed to say that I turned 70 last July.
NWW: Where are you living now?
SLL: When I retired from wrestling, I purchased a new home near an Indian reservation in Point Calumet in Quebec, Canada. My mother, who is 91, God bless her, lives with me. I have a sister, too, but I was unlucky as far as children are concerned—I don't have any.
NWW: Why did you become a wrestler?
SLL: That's a good question! *[Laughs]* Originally, I entered the seminary to become a priest, but when World War II began, I went to work for the Canadian government maintaining military airplanes. After World War II was over, I changed my mind, left everything behind, and hit the road as a wrestler.
NWW: Who were some of your favorite competitors in the ring?
SLL: Oh, there were so many! I liked Fuzzy Cupid, Frenchy Lamont, and Joey Russell. Most of the wrestlers were like brothers to me. We traveled the world together and shared many wonderful memories. Now we are apart and I don't know where most of them are today. I owe so much of my good fortune to all these great guys.
NWW: Of all of your world tours, where did you like wrestling the most?
SLL: I made 11 trips around the world,

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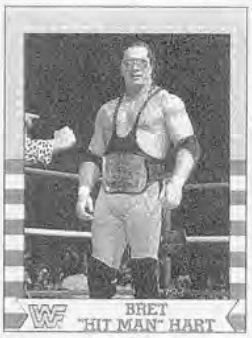

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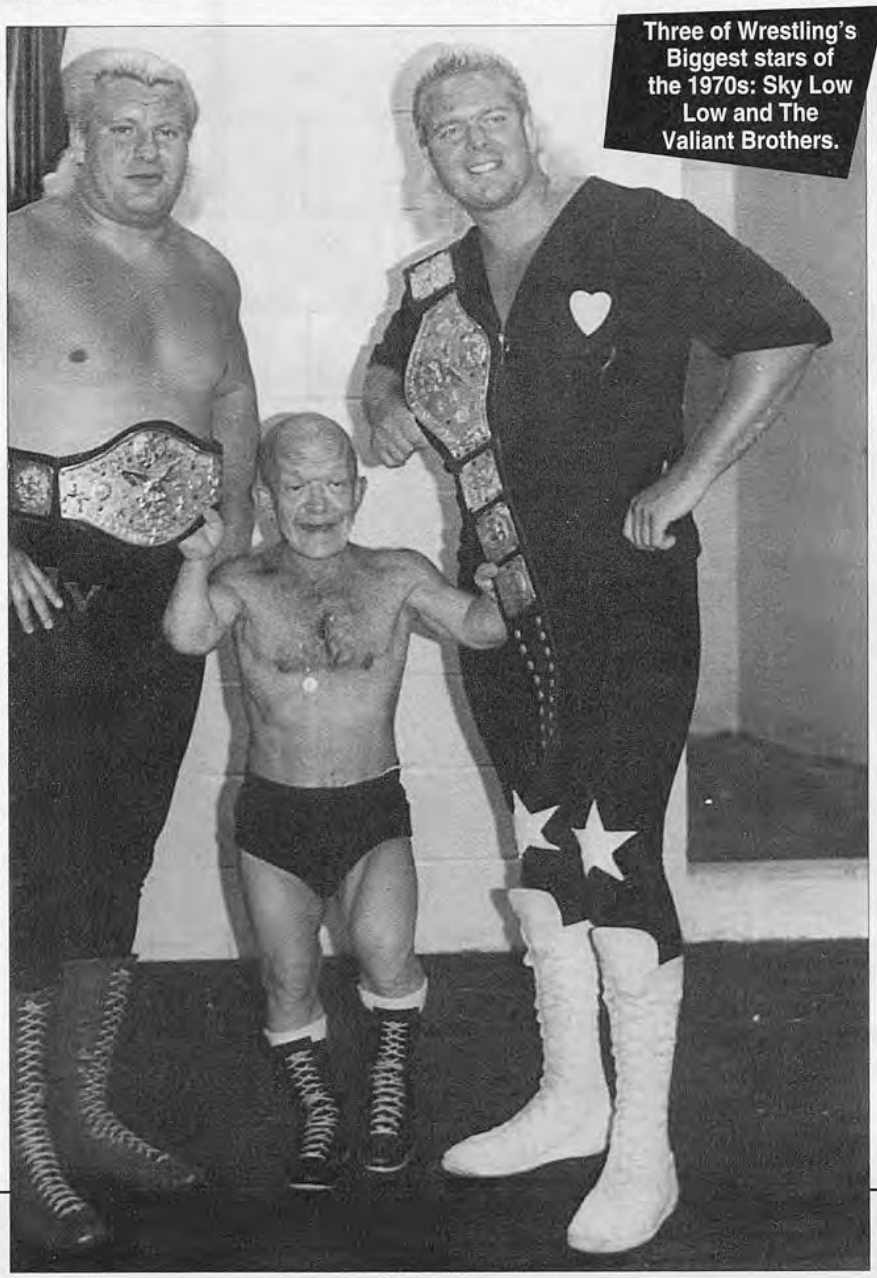
Because I stood at 4 feet 3 inches and weighed 98 pounds, I know wrestling fans didn't buy tickets to specifically watch me perform in the ring; nevertheless, it was a real honor for me to be part of this wonderful experience!
NWW: Were there any places you were denied work because of your size?
SLL: When I first began in this business, the only places wrestlers my size were not allowed to work were in the province of Quebec in Canada and the state of Louisiana in the United States.
NWW: What are your feelings about grapplers of your size being removed from the mainstream of American wrestling?
SLL: Promoters and fans today—and I mean no disrespect to them—don't know whether or not to accept us in the world of wrestling. They don't know how to react to us. The fundamentals of pro wrestling, which I played a major part in, have been forgotten by most people. A reeducating process would have to be initiated to bring wrestlers of my size back into the ring. But with today's wrestling product, who has time to explain these things?
NWW: What was your best moment in your wrestling career?
SLL: My greatest and happiest moment was being honored with my good friends Maurice "Mad Dog" Vachon and Walter "Killer" Kowalski at a banquet given by the Ladies International Wrestling Association in Boston, Massachusetts on August 15, 1998. After being away from wrestling for so long, having your friends remember you is very rewarding. I've lived a wonderful life because of my involvement with pro wrestling.
NWW: Thank you for reminiscing with ***New Wave Wrestling***. We appreciate it.
SLL: It's been a long time since I've had the opportunity to talk about pro wrestling. My thanks and prayers go out to all the ***New Wavers*** around the grappling globe. ***NWW***



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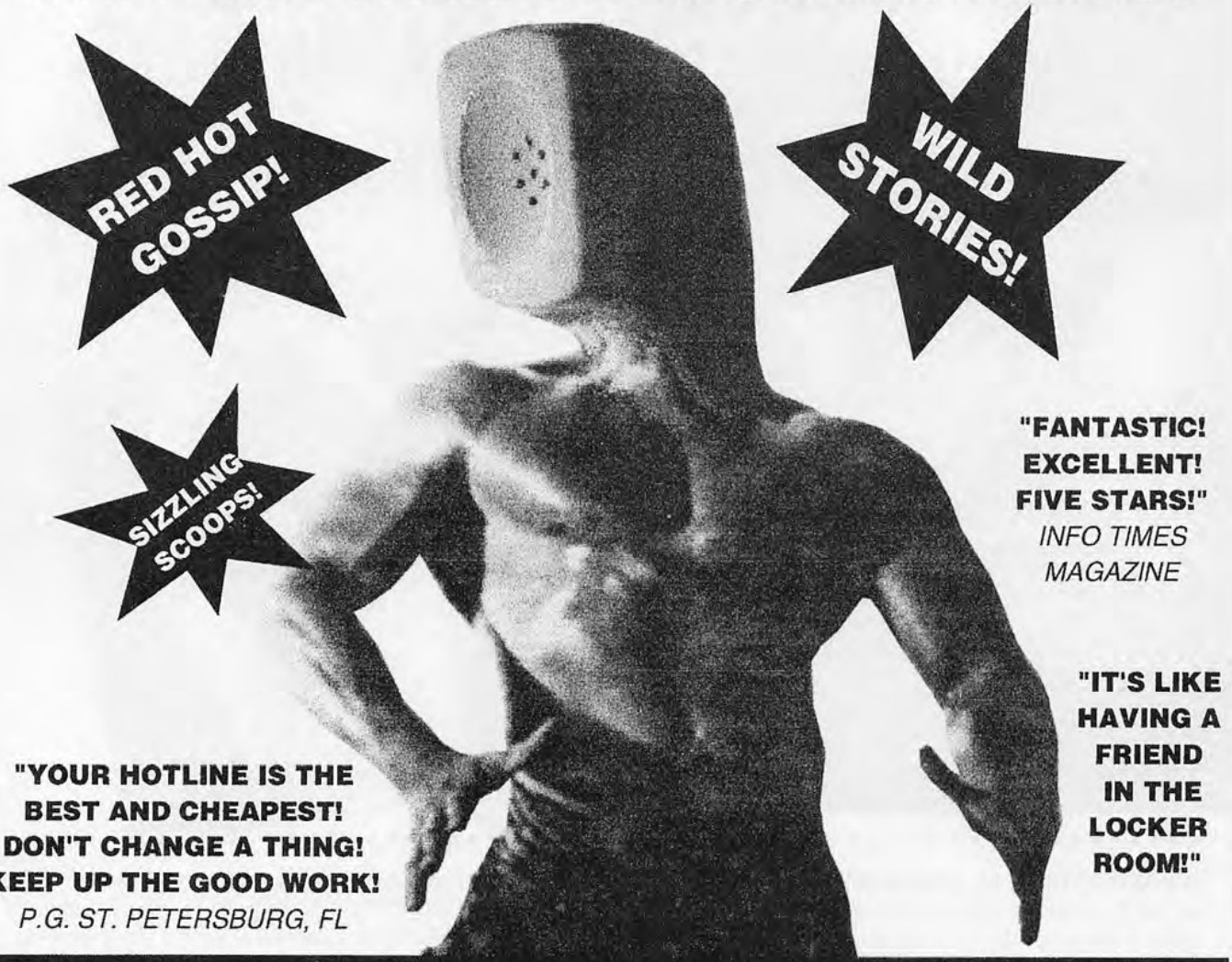

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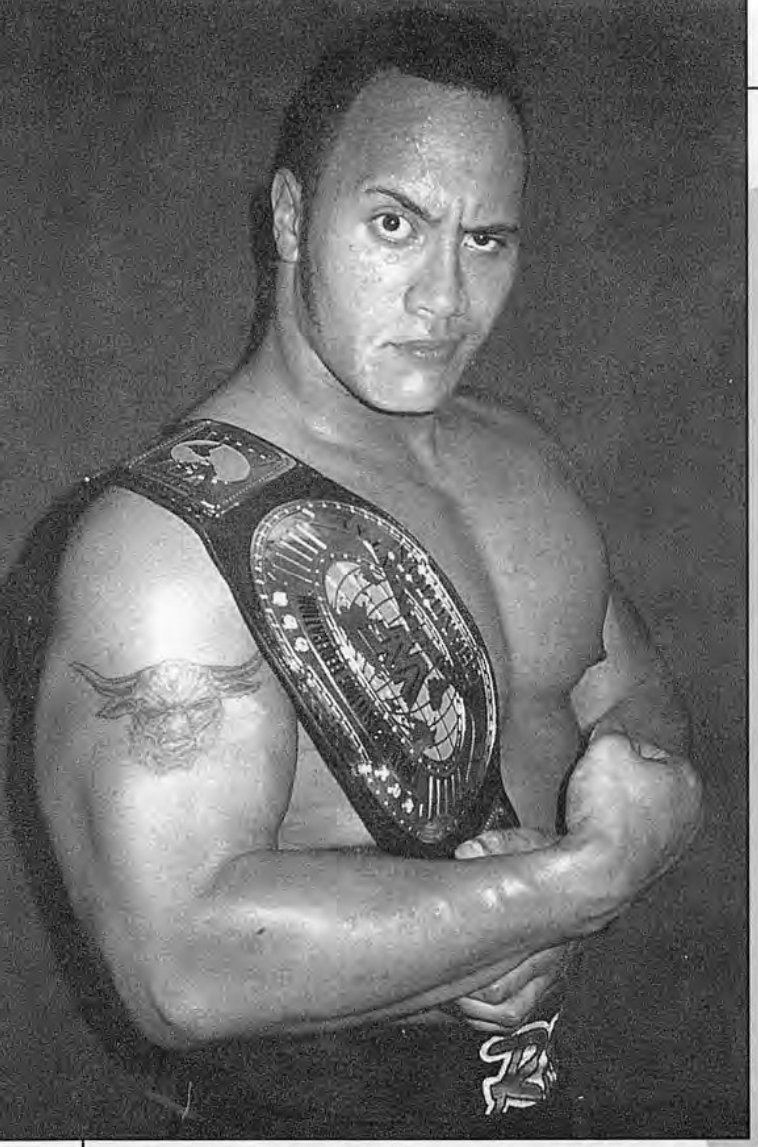

Did Rocky Maivia Save Steve Austin's Career?

ON NOVEMBER 15, 1998, ROCKY MAIVIA, WITH an ample assist from guest referee Shane McMahon, attained the pinnacle of his chosen profession—the World heavyweight championship. Once the ten pounds of gold was securely strapped to his trim waist, Rocky relinquished his tenure as the people's champion and accepted his new position as the figurehead of the WWF, a 500-million-dollar-a-year corporation.

In taking on the responsibility of the Federation, he has freed "Stone Cold" Steve Austin from the heavy burden of the title belt. Austin has returned to the roots of his immense popularity. He's once again the journeyman, the Everyman, fighting the good fight in trying to retain his identity in a world that frowns upon the existence of the individual.

Since March 29, 1998, Steve began living a double life. It was not until he defeated Shawn Michaels for the WWF gold at *Wrestlemania XIV* that he realized winning the title affected his persona as the resident individual who bucks the system. Covertly, it has strained his relationship to other like-minded people—namely, his fans. Oh, sure, Austin was still cussin', drinking, and raising hell, but as a multimillion-dollar player for a billion-dollar corporation, it was hard for fans to continue to think of him as just another "Joe Blow."

In chasing and obtaining his objective, he was forced to compromise a big part of his appeal. You can't remain a rugged individualist and dutifully fulfill a new role as a corporate shill at the same time. He had backed himself into a corner. With Rocky's ascent to the World title, he cleaned the slate for Austin, and, in the process, "Mr. 3:16" has reverted to what he does best—being the proverbial contender, the fly-in-the-ointment, the reckless leader of a loyal tribe known to the world as pro-wrestling fans.

Steve is picking up where he left off. His unaffected demeanor remains undeniably intact whether he is destroying one of Vince's expensive sports cars or running roughshod over the McMahon Corporation and their ever-growing army of "organizational men."

Meanwhile, Maivia has impressively risen to the top rung of ring villainy in record time. With only a few years as an active pro to his credit, he's come a long way.

"The Rock" catapulted toward squared-circle stardom right from the onset. Competing as "Flex" Cabana on the now-defunct USWA circuit of Memphis, Tennessee, he acquired that all-important secret ingredient needed for pro-wrestling success—experience.

After gaining the necessary combat skills of the trade, Rocky caught the eye of WWF talent scouts and quickly

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made a reputation as a third-generation rookie on the rise.

As the son of former WWWF tag champion Rocky Johnson and the grandson of the late, great "Samoan High Chief" Peter Maivia, "The Rock" has continued the family tradition of mat excellence by fully utilizing his skills, and that's something you can never learn in the wrestling business. You either have it or you don't, and Maivia most definitely has it!

Achieving grappling greatness is an ongoing process, it's not a destination. For some, a lengthy title reign is the experience that sustains them, while for others —that undefinable something special—is the ingredient which drives them ever upward. Everyone must find their own way. As WWF champion, Hulk Hogan was revered, and he most definitely earned his place in pro-wrestling history. The same can also be said of "Rowdy" Roddy Piper. Although he never wore the World title gold, Piper has also secured his spot in the annals of matdom.

For Rocky Maivia, perhaps his road leads to a lengthy World heavyweight championship title reign. As the WWF kingpin, he has blossomed into a titanic talent who can hold his own against anyone. Greatness has been thrust upon "The Rock," and he has certainly lived up to the task.

For "Stone Cold," the road to victory may not be status quo. Steve has already been on that road to the championship and his greatness atrophied as he spent all his time chasing the crown.

Maivia has to thank Austin for being his ultimate contender. Steve, in turn, should be grateful to "The Rock" for liberating him from the golden WWF shackles preventing him from remaining one of the most incredible drawing powers in modern mat history. Steve is back at ground zero, doing what he does best—making life a living hell for every WWF champion. ***NWW***

Maivia's legendary father Rocky Johnson (seated) has provided tremendous support to his talented son.

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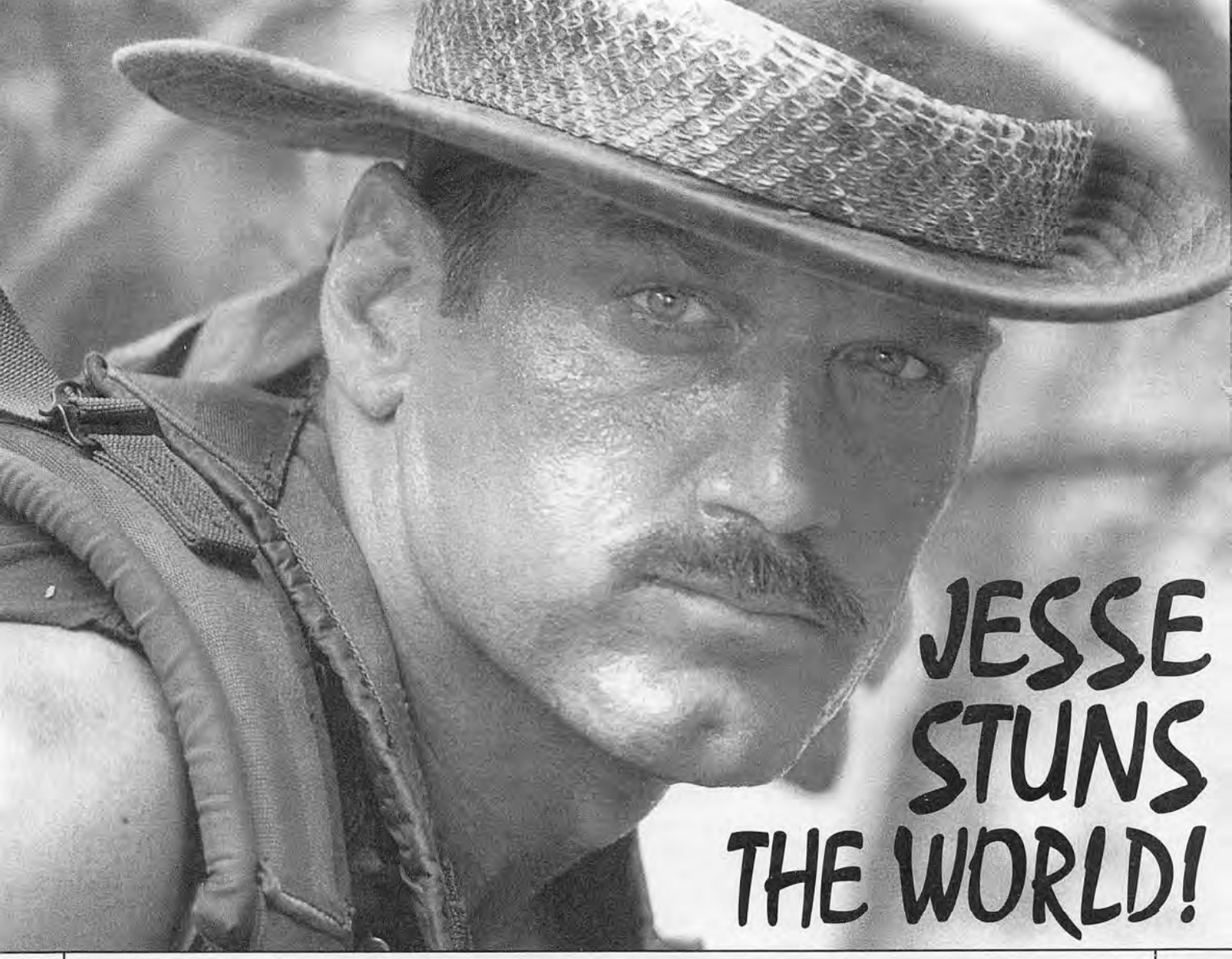

JESSE STUNS THE WORLD!

WHENEVER SOMEONE HAS ACHIEVED THE impossible, their amazing feat is often described as a real-life Cinderella or Rocky story. Now, we no longer have to make comparisons to fictitious characters as a new precedent has been set. Men and women—doing what others say can't be done—will be spoken of in new terms—they're another Ventura story!

Jesse "The Body" Ventura (James George Janos) is the stuff folklore is made of. An outspoken individual who tells it like it is, Ventura has been speaking his mind all his life, and, on November 3, 1998, the people in the state of Minnesota not only listened, they responded by giving the former rasslin' ruffian 37 percent (or 295,755) of the vote. This made him not only the first pro wrestler to ever hold such a high U.S. political office but also provided the emerging Reform Party with their first elected governor.

Just like professional wrestling, there are few major upsets in the world of politics, but Jesse scored a stunning victory by decisively pinning his well-heeled adversaries—professional politicians Hubert H. Humphrey III and St. Paul, Minnesota's Mayor Norm Coleman. "The Body" used his head, spending only $400,000 on his campaign, compared with the $3 million spent by each of his opponents.

His memorable TV ads were informative, entertaining, and devoid of the usual mudslinging tactics found in ads produced by two-party candidates nationwide. Jesse Ventura appeared in one memorable ad as Rodin's "The Thinker," sitting in gym shorts and contemplating the future of his beloved state.

Perhaps Minnesota's rich history of pro-wrestling greats had something to do with Jesse's victory. This state has produced a disproportionate number of superior mat stars over the years, including Larry "The Ax" Hennig, his son Curt "Mr. Perfect" Hennig, Rick Rude, the Road Warriors, Verne & Greg Gagne, Ole Anderson, and "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, to name just a few. Maybe the good people of Minnesota are signaling the beginning of a new wave. Tired and outraged by decades of lies and blatant deception, voters are looking to take back their democracy from those who sell our rights to the highest bidder.

Jesse ran as an anti-establishment, not-politics-as-usual candidate which resonated throughout the land. He's a self-made millionaire who used both his "body" and

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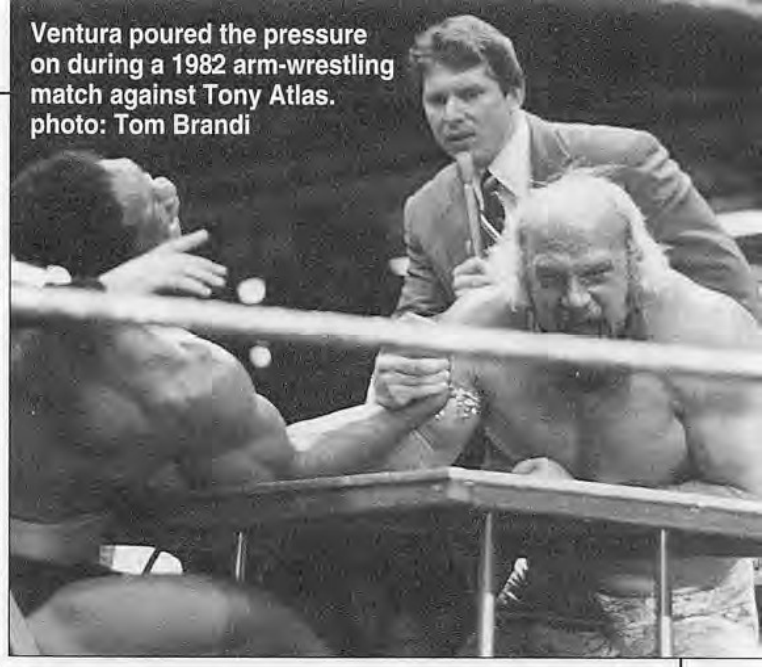


Ventura poured the pressure on during a 1982 arm-wrestling match against Tony Atlas. photo: Tom Brandi

mind to amass a sizable bank account. Unlike other professional politicians, he had earned his savings by traveling the back roads and highways of this nation in an effort to grab a slice of the American pie; therefore citizens aren't quick to begrudge him of his success or his 40-acre country home in Maple Grove.

"We shocked the world," was the battle cry heard over and over again on the days following the 1998 election. "In 1964, Muhammad Ali beat Sonny Liston for the heavyweight championship of the world, and he wasn't supposed to. In 1980, the United States Olympic hockey team beat the Russians, and they weren't supposed to. Dreams do come true in America," bellowed Jesse, who was equally stunned by his own victory.

Over the past three months, Ventura-mania has taken hold! The Arts & Entertainment cable network is busy preparing a biography on the famed wrestler; the NBC network is developing a made-for-TV movie based on the life of this grappler-turned-governor, and a seven-figure book deal is currently being sealed in which Jesse will pen his story tentatively titled, *I Ain't Got Time to Bleed: Reworking the Body Politic from the Bottom Up*.

Ventura is certainly riding high, and he seems to have well-wishers from every strata of society…with the possible exception of one—his former grappling peers, who, in typical sour-grapes fashion, have supplied backhanded comments to the media.

Jesse's former tag partner "Playboy" Buddy Rose was less than ecstatic. "Jesse was so green that first year they wouldn't even let him do his own interviews," said Rose.

MUSCLE TUSSLE: Jesse was taken to his physical limits courtesy of Tony Atlas in this 1982 WWF bout. photo: Tom Brandi

"They had Bull Ramos do his talking for him."

Roddy Piper, who costarred with Jesse in an ill-fated police pilot for ABC TV called *Tag Team,* was equally devoid of enthusiasm. "He didn't have a natural ability for wrestling. When he started in the business, his rap was monotone, but he got better. It's a good thing he won that election, though, because he's out of a job in wrestling," joked the popular Scotsman.

World Wrestling Federation owner Vince McMahon Jr. appeared on NBC's morning program the *Today Show* and was interviewed by host Matt Lauer, who was befuddled by Mr. McMahon's somewhat reserved comments concerning his former employee. Of course, if Matt had done his homework, he would have realized that on April 13, 1994, Jesse was awarded $809,958 by a Federal jury in St. Paul, Minnesota as a result of a lawsuit against Titan Sports (the WWF to the uninitiated) regarding royalties for Ventura's color commentaries used on their numerous retail videotapes.

Another former employer, AWA owner and mat legend Verne Gagne recalled, "Jesse realized the value of the interview. He wasn't the greatest wrestler, but he could talk pretty damn good. I paired him in a tag team with a guy named Adrian Adonis, who did all the wrestling. Jesse did the talking."

While being interviewed on *The Tonight Show*, Hulk Hogan added, "I'd love to run against Jesse, because that would be really easy pickings. I mean, everything I've always done against Jesse, I've always won, so that would be a lot of fun to beat him one more time."

With such "ringing endorsements," it wouldn't be too surprising to see Jesse put his previous incarnation behind him as soon as possible and forge ahead into the daunting decision-making world of pragmatic politics.

But those of us who fondly look back on the grappling exploits of Jesse "The Body" Ventura, will recall a man who knew—at all times—how to communicate with audiences large and small. His boastful interviews were conducted with a wink, and you just knew, deep down, that this guy was a "regular Joe."

He came charging out of the gate in 1975, fresh from a crash course in pro-wrestling mayhem courtesy of Eddie

NWW Dossier: Jesse "The Mind" Ventura

real name: James George Janos **height:** 6 feet 4 inches
weight: 250 pounds **age:** 47 **pro-ring debut:** 1975
educational background: Roosevelt High School graduate (Minneapolis, Minnesota) + one year of community college.
hobbies: Raises horses and plays golf.
military experience:
Navy SEAL (Vietnam veteran, 134 parachute jumps to his credit.)
wife: Terry (married 23 years) **children:** Tyrel (18) and Jade (14)
pro-wrestling trainer: "Professor" Eddie Sharkey
pro-wrestling influence: "Superstar" Billy Graham
titles held:

- January 17, 1976 Portland, Oregon: Defeated Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka for the Pacific Northwest heavyweight title.
- April 10, 1976 Portland, Oregon: Teamed with partner "Apache" Bull Ramos to defeat Dutch Savage & Jimmy Snuka for the Pacific Northwest tag-team titles.
- June 8, 1976 Portland, Oregon: Ventura & Ramos beat the Royal Kangaroos to regain the Pacific Northwest tag-team titles.
- June 26, 1976 Portland, Oregon: Defeated Dutch Savage for the Pacific Northwest heavyweight title.
- October 25, 1976 Portland, Oregon: Teamed with "Playboy" Buddy Rose (Paul Perschman) to defeat Dutch Savage & Jimmy Snuka for the Pacific Northwest tag-team titles.
- January 15, 1977 Portland, Oregon: Jesse & Buddy Rose defeated Dutch Savage & Jimmy Snuka for the Pacific Northwest tag titles.
- March 21, 1978 Portland, Oregon: Ventura & Jerry Oates defeated Buddy Rose & Ed Wiskowski for the Pacific Northwest tag titles.
- July 20, 1980 Denver, Colorado: The East-West Connection of Ventura & "Adorable" Adrian Adonis (Keith Franke) were awarded the AWA World tag-team titles when Verne Gagne was unable to defend his half of the championship.

movie credits: Predator (1987) • Running Man (1987) • Thunderground (1987) • No Holds Barred (1989) • Repossessed (1990) • Tag Team TV pilot (1991) • Ricochet (1991) • Demolition Man (1993) • Major League II (1994) • Batman and Robin (1997) • X-Files TV episode (1997).
other accomplishments: Released a rock record in 1984 and briefly toured with his own band • Broadcaster for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team • Sports & open-forum radio host in Minneapolis.
political party affiliation: Reform Party
previous political experience: Mayor of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota from 1991 to 1995.

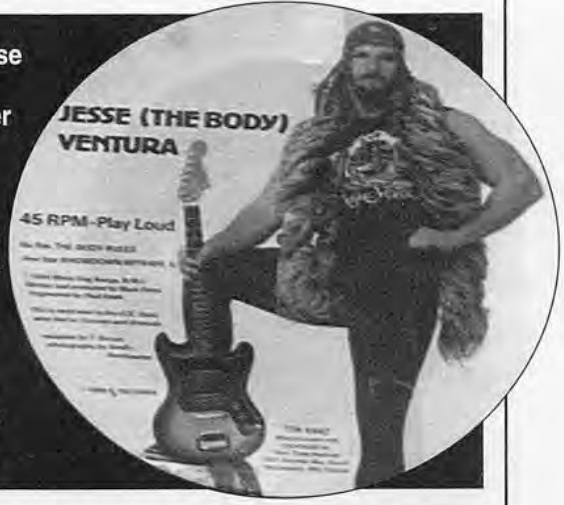
Sharkey's gymnasium in Minnesota. Sharkey, known as "The Professor" in wrestling circles was also instrumental in training such well-known grappling greats as Ric Flair, the Road Warriors, and Rick Rude.

The tie-dyed spoiler arrived in the Pacific Northwest on October 1, 1975, scoring a winning tag-team effort with partner Bull Ramos against the Kelly Twins. Three months later, he scored a major upset by defeating Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka for the Northwest heavyweight title. He went on to dominate the region for the next few years.

He returned to his native state of Minnesota and competed for the American Wrestling Association where he captured the tag titles with the late Adrian Adonis. He toured the WWF in the early 1980s, then returned again a few years later to become one of the most colorful figures during the WWF's nationwide expansion period back in 1984.

At the height of his "unpopularity" on the circuit, he suffered a blood clot in his lung, ending his days of daring in the ring, so he quickly channeled his energies into color commentary, providing witty and outrageous ramblings which contrasted wonderfully with Vince McMahon Jr.'s laconic play-by-play match coverage.

The commentary gig opened new vistas to Ventura as film offers began to pour in. Another door had opened



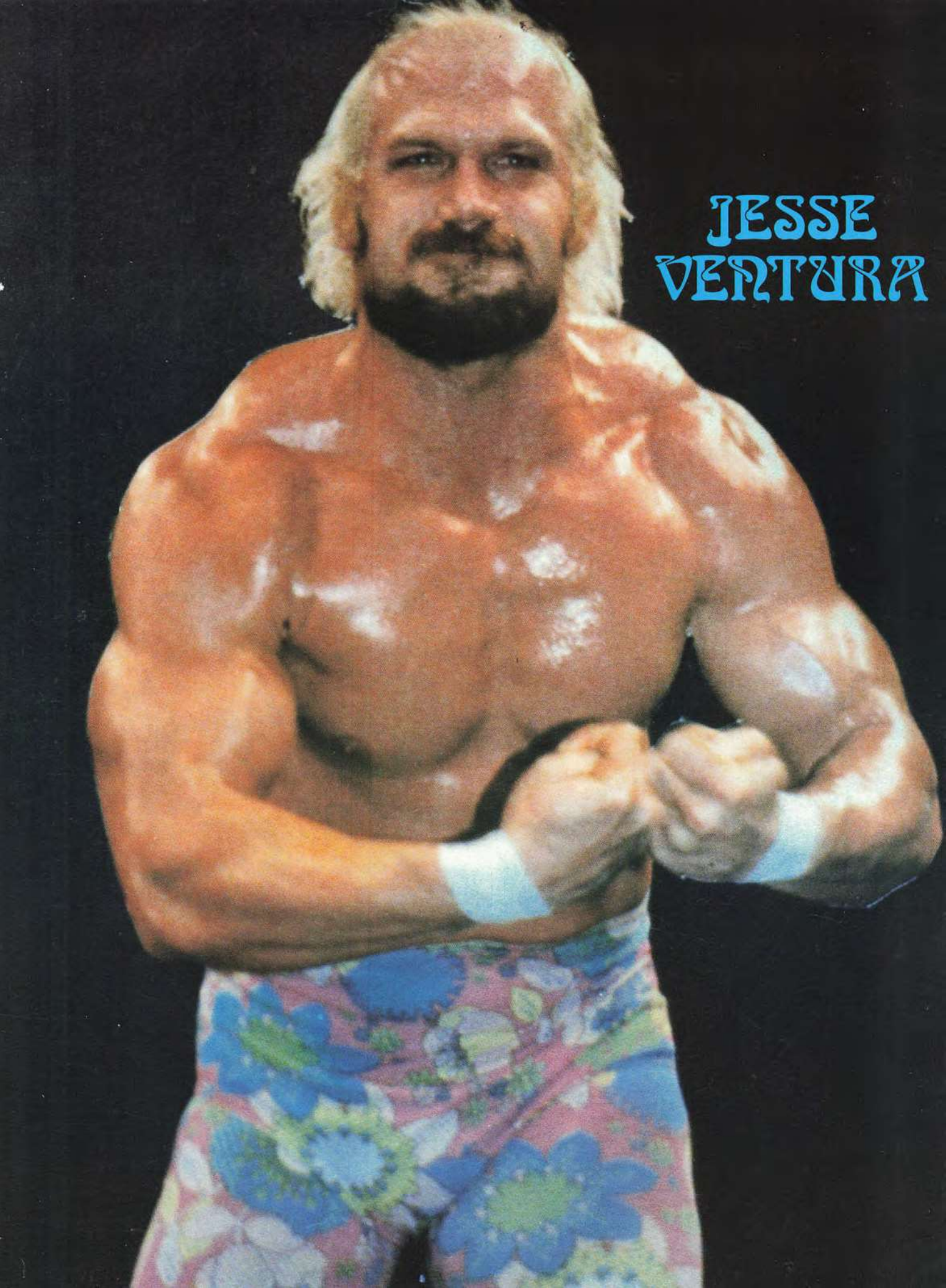
In 1984, Jesse attempted a brief career as a rock star by releasing a picture-disc record featuring two songs: "The Body Rules" and "Showdown with Mr. V."

and Jesse confidently strutted into tinseltown. He worked hard at his new craft, and every small role showed both promise and charisma. Of all the mat greats who have attempted film careers, Ventura has shown the most aptitude (followed VERY closely by Roddy Piper).

Under his new guise as "The Mind," Ventura will certainly have to keep his gray matter constantly flexed. He is now at the helm of a state with a budget of $12-million and 48,000 employees.

Since winning the election, he's been honest and forthright with his constituents. He promises to do his best, and, undoubtedly, he'll need the tag-team support of the voters throughout his incredible term as governor.

Jesse, on behalf of everyone here at ***New Wave Wrestling***, we wish you the very best as you embark on making political history. By returning government to the people, I'm sure we speak for wrestling fans everywhere when we say thanks for making us proud! ***NWW***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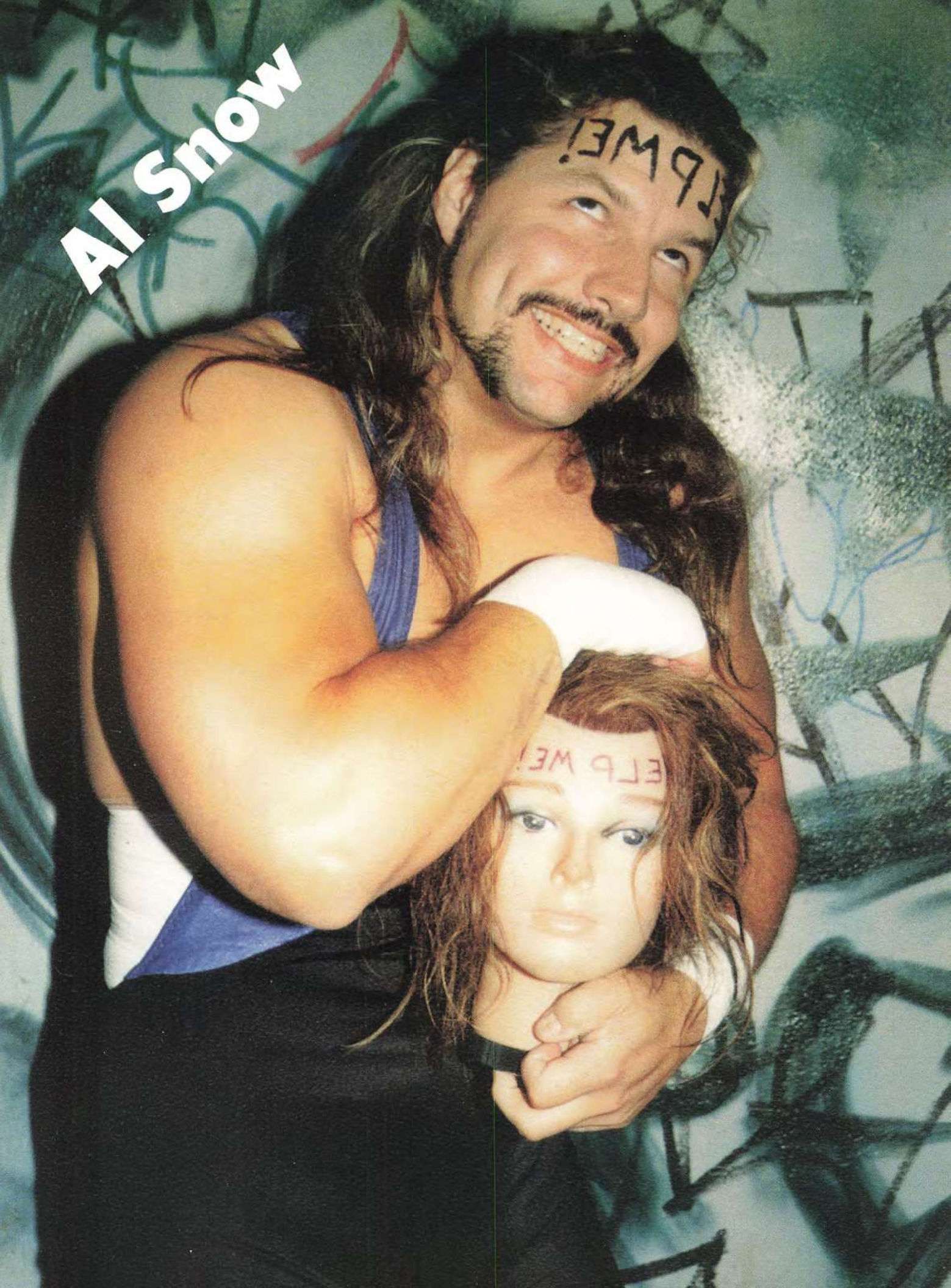
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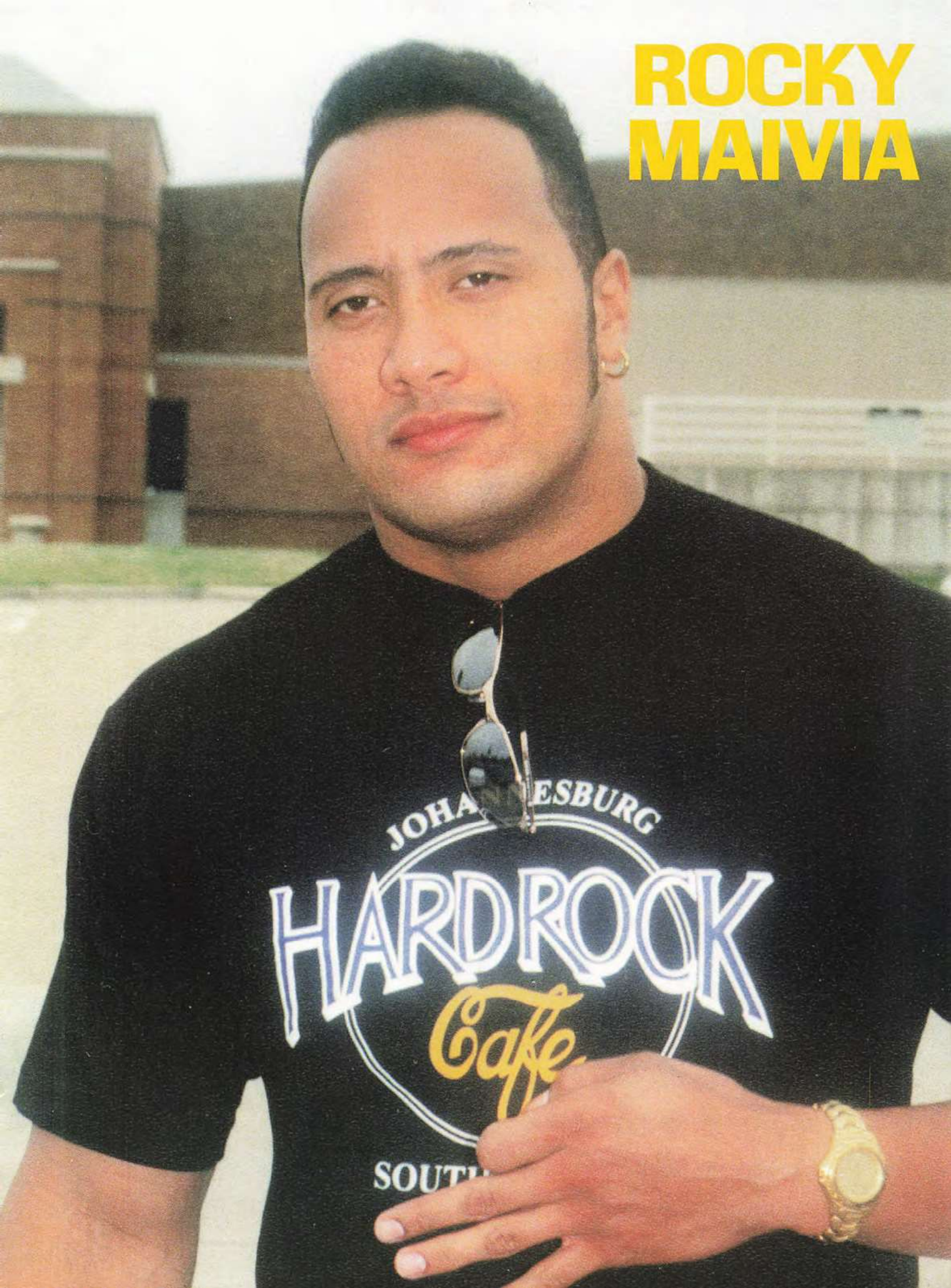

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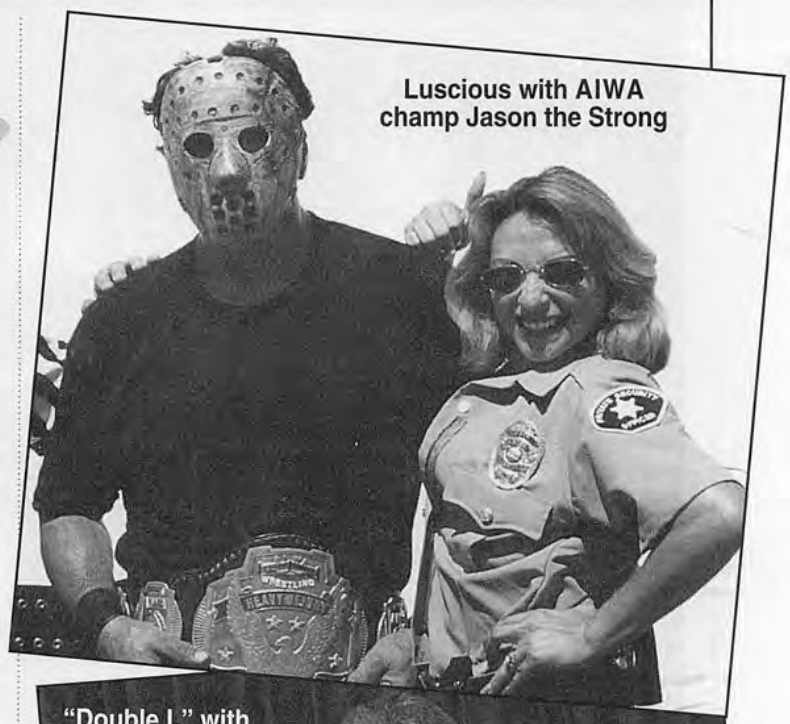

Luscious with AIWA champ Jason the Strong

"Double L" with "Bad Boy" Bubba Storm

Crazy Dragon sends a stern warning as Laura looks on.

NW: IS LAURA YOUR REAL NAME?
LL: Yes. My full name is Laura Hummel.
NW: Where and when were you born?
LL: I was born in Cordova, Argentina on February 24. Later on, I moved to Merida, Mexico, which is near Cancun.
NW: Were you a fan of wrestling before you chose it as a career?
LL: Yes. I always watched wrestling on television in Mexico and enjoyed the skills of wrestlers Perro Aguayo and Mil Mascaras the most.
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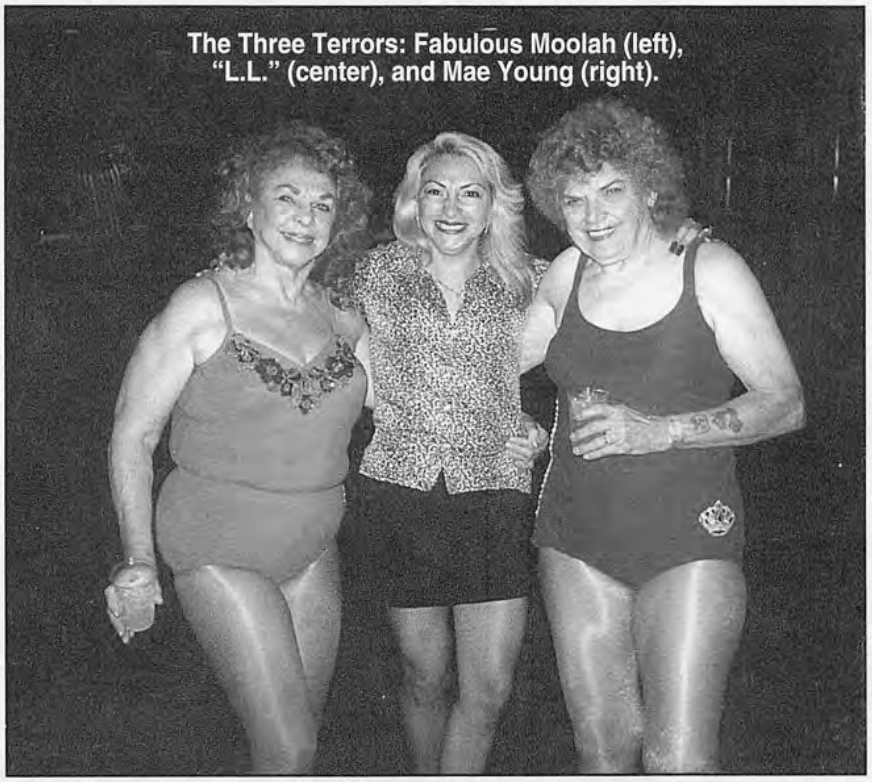
LL: I had tons of debris thrown at me by the fans in Cudahy, California when I was managing Rosa Salvaje in October 1996. I think some people take things a bit too seriously.

I was also carried away from the ring area by a crazed fan when I was managing "Beautiful" Jack Stud and Rock Wilder at the All-Nations Center in downtown Los Angeles in March 1997. I don't know what his intentions were, but he carried me



The Three Terrors: Fabulous Moolah (left), "L.L." (center), and Mae Young (right).

about 40 feet before a small riot broke out. Because of this incident, I was suspended for five matches I still don't understand why this was my fault.

NW: Who are some of the wrestlers you have managed?

LL: I've managed Galeno, Leopardo Negro, Rosa Salvaje, "Beautiful" Jack Stud, Rock Wilder, Tech 9, Hood, Medic, and "Desperado" Mark Kissell.

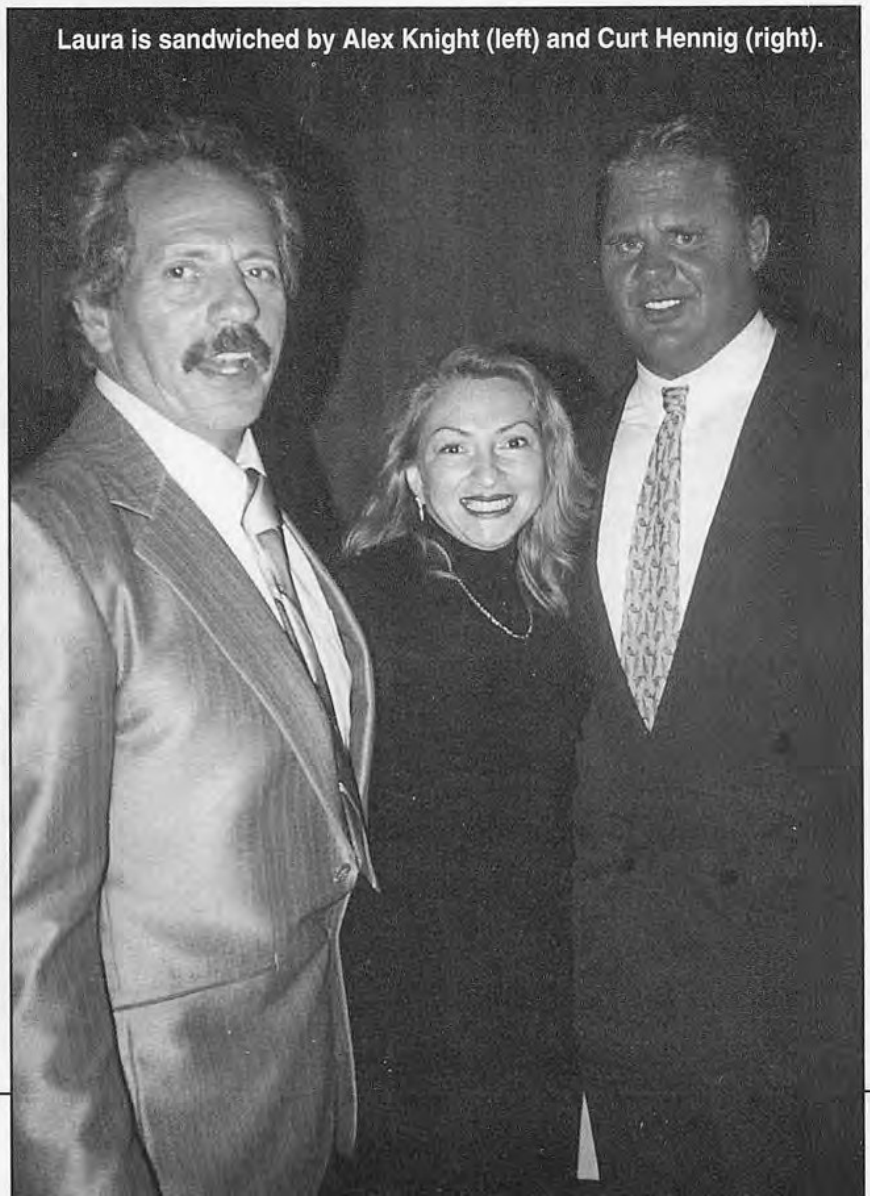
NW: What is your opinion of the wrestlers on the West Coast?

LL: I am an outspoken crusader for the wrestlers in California and Arizona. There are so many talented individuals here like Tech 9, Hood, Ravage, Chris Daniels, Stud, Jason Redondo, Rhino, Rick Sadist, Kid Kaos, Supreme, and the Navajo Kid. They are all just waiting for promoters to take notice and discover their abilities.

NW: How did your feud with rival manager Johnny Legend begin?

LL: Johnny Legend was the manager of AIWA kingpin Jack Stud from late 1995 to late 1996. During the summer of 1996, Legend was not present for about five or six of Stud's title defenses; Stud and I decided to team up in October 1996, and Johnny's contract was severed. Since I became Stud's manager, Legend has never forgiven me, and we have been feuding ever since.

Johnny challenged me to a series of arm-wrestling contests with the one stipulation being that if he ever defeated me I would have to go on a date with him. He did defeat me—with the help of wrestler Rhino—so I was forced to go on



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NW: Where and when were you born?
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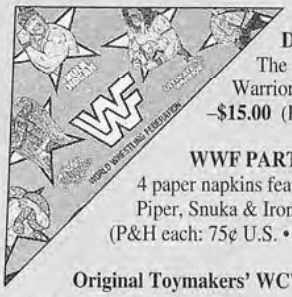

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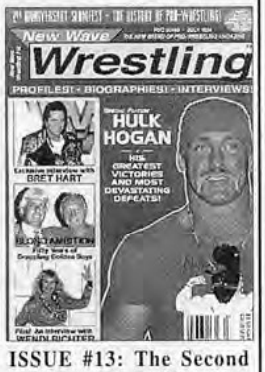

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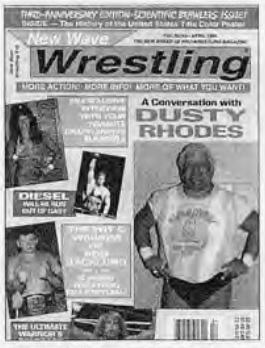

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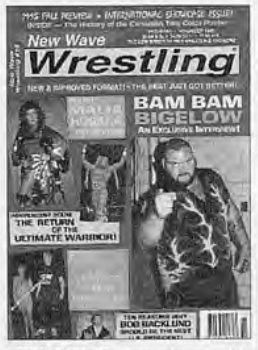

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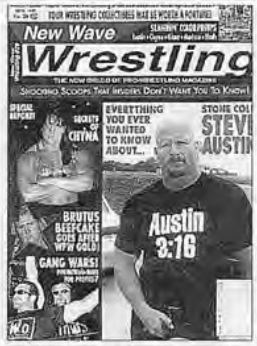

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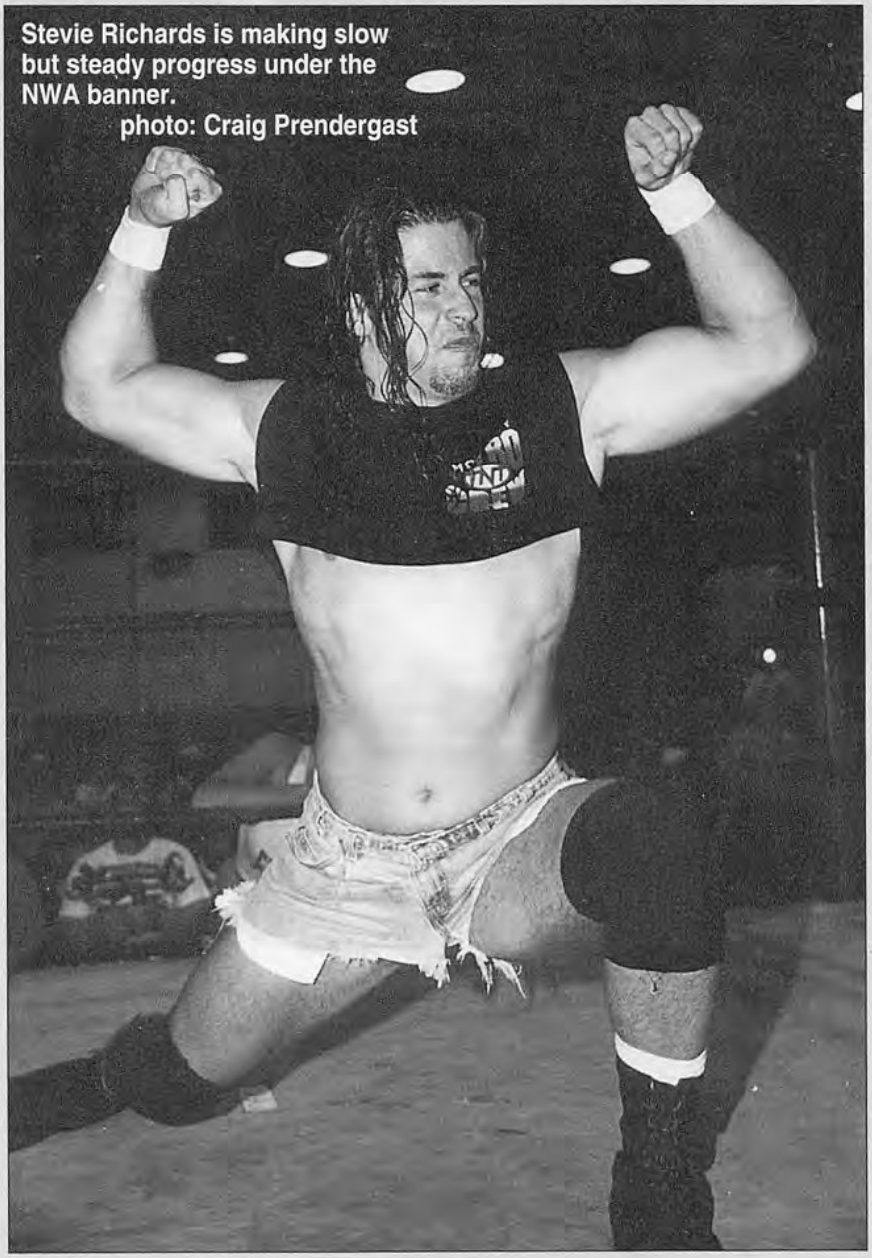

Stevie Richards is making slow but steady progress under the NWA banner.
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AIWA: Since our last report Jason the Strong (managed by Luscious Laura) pinned Pete Mendoza to capture the vacant American Independent Wrestling Alliance heavyweight crown...Rhino defeated Gray Wolf for the Western Hemisphere title...The tag-team titles are vacant...Competing on this circuit are: El Guardian, 6-foot-7 Hardcore California Kid, Ravage, The Medic, The Hood, Crazy Dragon, as well as masked grapplerettes Black Diamond and Pink Butterfly.

BWA: The Belleview, Florida promotion recognizes "Mad" Matt (managed by legendary grapplerette Diamond Lil) as the Belleview Wrestling Alliance junior-heavyweight champion.

Others on the circuit include: Rowdy Ronnie, Al Hardiman, Jim Magnum, Billy Mac, Buddy Valentine, as well as grapplerettes Jezzabelle, Kate O'Connor, and the legendary duo of Fabulous Moolah and Mae Young.

ECPW: The New Jersey-based league has been presenting slam-bang action as of late. Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka pinned Larry Brisco to capture the East Coast Professional Wrestling heavyweight crown...The Siberian Tiger & The Pub Bully hold the tag straps..."Strangler" Nick Maddox is the TV titleholder ...Embassamador defeated Abunai for the ECPW light-heavyweight title.

Others on the circuit include: "Mr. Italy" Gino Caruso, "Luscious" Johnny Valiant, The Iron Sheik, "Mad Dog" Maxx, and Jackie Black.

ECW: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's Extreme Championship Wrestling recognizes Shane Douglas (Troy Martin) as the ECW World heavyweight kingpin ...Taz (Peter Senerchia) continues as the self-proclaimed FTW World heavyweight titleholder...Rob Van Dam (Robert Szakowski) has the ECW World Television title...The Dudleys—Buh-Buh Ray (Mark LaMonica) and D-Von (Devon Hughes)—are the World tag champions.

The Sandman (James Fullington) should be competing in WCW by the time you read this...Nicole Bass is rumored to be WWF bound...Terry Funk returned to the circuit and attacked Tommy Dreamer (Thomas Laughlin)... *ECW Extreme Music* CD is now available on CMC International Records.

Others on the circuit include: Jack Victory, One Man Gang (George Gray), Sabu (Terry Brunk), Justin Credible (P.J. Walker), Jerry Lynn, "Big" Dick Dudley (Alex Rizzo), Chris Candido, Chris Chetti, Balls Mahoney (John Rickner), Masato Tanaka, "Hollywood" Nova, Francine (Francine Fourmier), and Jason (Roland Knight).

EWA: Eastern Wrestling Alliance is based in Jay, Maine. Kidd USA is the EWA light-heavyweight champion... The Power Company are the tag-team champs...The EWA Intercontinental

Women's titleholder is Jamie West.

Malia Hosaka is battling Rusty the Fox ...Tito Santana (Mercedes Solis) has resumed his lengthy feud with "Cowboy" Bob Orton Jr. (managed by Master Sandy)...Dave Vicious, the protégé of "Sycho" Sid Vicious (Sid Eudy), has been demolishing all opposition.

Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka, Tony Atlas (Tony White), Rick Martel (Richard Vignault), Iron Sheik (Khosrow Vaziri), Nicolai Volkoff (Josip Peruzovic), Special Delivery Jones, King Kong Bundy (Chris Pallies), Rick Fuller, Brian Walsh, Demolition Ax (Bill Eadie), Robbie Ellis, as well as grapplerettes Lisa the Adjuster, Violent Flame, Sky Hosoya, and Nasty Sherri have all worked recent shows.

FOW: Future of Wrestling, based in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, recognizes Rusty Brooks as their heavyweight champ... Snot & Schmuck Dudley hold the FOW tag straps..."Mr. Extreme" Pat McGuire has the Hardcore belt.

Tatanka (Chris Chavis) of WWF fame is feuding with legendary Greg "The Hammer" Valentine (John Wisniski Jr.)...Others on the circuit include: Jed Diamond (managed by Awesome Amy), Blare & Bobby Rogers, "Ram Man" Johnny Evans, "Dirty" Dennis Allen, and Phi Delta Slam.

GWA: Grande Wrestling Alliance of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania has been the site of several title changes as of late.

"Big" Bob Steele pinned the legendary George "The Animal" Steele (James Myers) to regain the vacant GWA heavyweight title...Atlas Rivera pinned Alexi Taktarov to garner the GWA Intercontinental belt..."Ice Cold" Billy Austin defeated O-Dogg for the GWA cruiserweight title.

"Reverend" Ron Starr has the TV title...Krash Krew continue to hold the GWA tag-team gold.

GWA manager H.W. Starr used brass knuckles to defeat the Little Samoan to capture the World Mini championship.

HPW: Hoosier Pro Wrestling, based in Columbus, Indiana, recognizes "Dirty" Dutch Mantell as their heavyweight champion. The New Breed (Roger Blade & Brad Lamen) hold the tag straps. "Luscious" Lonnie Lee is the junior-heavyweight titleholder. "Dangerous" Doug Gilbert has been defending the IWA Japanese heavyweight title here.

Wrestlers currently under the HPW banner include: Kamala, Bobo Brazil Jr., Tommy Rich, King Mable, PG-13 (J.C. Ice & Wolfie D), and Terek the Great.

Lance Storm continues to impress fans of ECW wrestling. photo: Jerry Wilson

ICW: Independent Championship Wrestling of Dubois, Illinois recognizes the California Kid (Scott Little) as the ICW World heavyweight champion ...Gator McAllister holds the United States strap..."Cowboy" Bob Orton Jr., "Dirty" Dutch Mantell, Ian Rotten, Doug Gilbert, and "Hustler" Rip Rogers have competed here recently.

MAS: Wilmington, North Carolina's Mid-Atlantic Sports recognizes Viper as their heavyweight champion...The Midnight Sons have the tag-team straps...Johnny Lightning is the cruiserweight titleholder.

MPPW: Memphis Power Pro Wrestling of Tennessee recognizes Erin O'Grady as the holder of the Young Guns trophy. Jerry "The King" Lawler and "Giant" Paul Silva of the Oddities defeated Road Warrior Hawk (Michael Hegstrand) and Bart Gunn (Kip Sopp) in an unusual tag bout recently..."Sycho" Sid Vicious (Sid Eudy) has invaded the circuit and has created his own rogue group called the P.O.B. (Pride of Brotherhood).

Others working under the MPPW banner include: Billy Joe Travis, "Bulldog" Raines, the original Rock & Roll Express, King Mabel (Nelson Frazier), B.J. Awesome (Bobby Horne), Streak (Del Rios, who formerly worked here as "Spellbinder"), Brian Christopher, Ashley Hudson, and Bill Dundee.

NBW: New Breed Wrestling, based in Jeffersonville, New York, recognizes John Diamond (managed by Miss Tasia & Missy Hyatt) as the NBW heavyweight titleholder. Diamond has joined forces with the United States heavyweight kingpin Tony DeVito, and they are developing an organization known as NBN—Naughty by Nature.

Chip Stetson, Tito Santana, "Hillbilly Cousin" Luke, Tom Brandi, Primo Carnera III, Steve "Brooklyn Brawler"

The Pitbulls hold the NWA United States tag titles. photo: Craig Prendergast

Lombardi, Doink the Clown, Jimmy "Kloudy" Shoulders, "Sycho" Sid Vicious, and King Kong Bundy have competed on recent shows.

NDW: New Dimension Wrestling is based in Greensboro, North Carolina. Tully Blanchard is the NDW heavyweight champion...Surge (Matt Hardy) holds the light-heavyweight crown... Others on the circuit include: Jack Spade, the original Manny Fernandez, "Beastmaster" Rick Link, "Nature Boy" Buddy Landel (William Ansor), Willow the Wisp (Jeff Hardy), The Fantastics (Bobby & Jackie Fulton), "Handsome" Jimmy Valiant, Ricky Morton, and "Pistol" Pez Whatley.

NMPW: New Millennium Pro Wrestling of Lake Hiawatha, New Jersey is looking to promote shows throughout their home state as well as Ohio and Pennsylvania.

"Mad Dog" Marcial Bovee (also known as the Time Traveler) is developing a grappling stable on the circuit... Mr. Cock-A-Doodle-Doo is teaming with Mr. Bow-Wow-Wow. (We don't make 'em up, gang. We just report 'em!)

We are not aware of any champions as we go to press...Other wrestlers competing here include: Stinky the Garbage Man, The Mercenary, Storm, El Jinete de la Muerte, and Rob Noxious.

NWA (NJ): The National Wrestling Alliance, which is headed by President Howard Brody (NWA Florida promoter) and Vice President Dennis Coraluzzo (NWA New Jersey promoter), is expanding and recognizing NWA territories and titles throughout the U.S. and Canada.

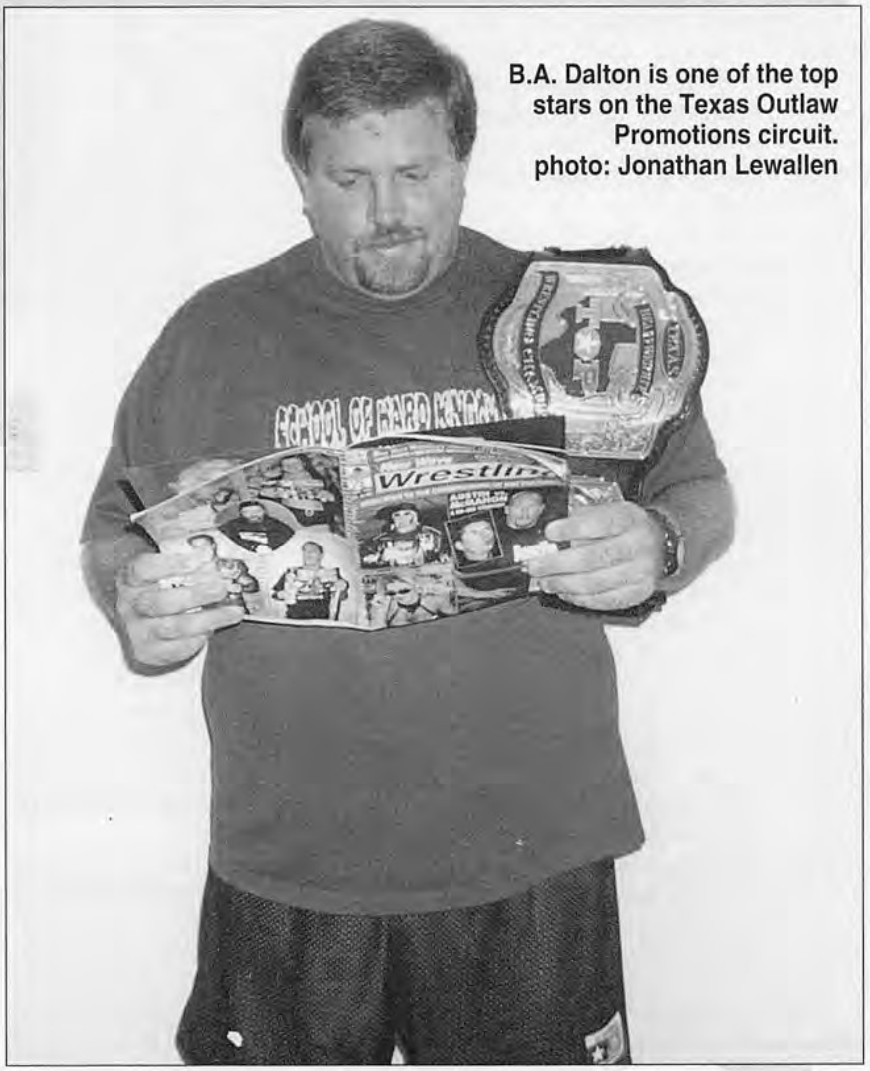
Dan "The Beast" Severn continues as NWA World heavyweight champ...The Brotherhood are the NWA World tag-team champions after defeating the Border Patrol, Team Extreme, and Tully Blanchard & Dr. Tom Prichard in a four-way elimination title match.

For a listing of Canadian NWA affiliates see our *International Slams* column. The breakdown of NWA United States territories are as follows:

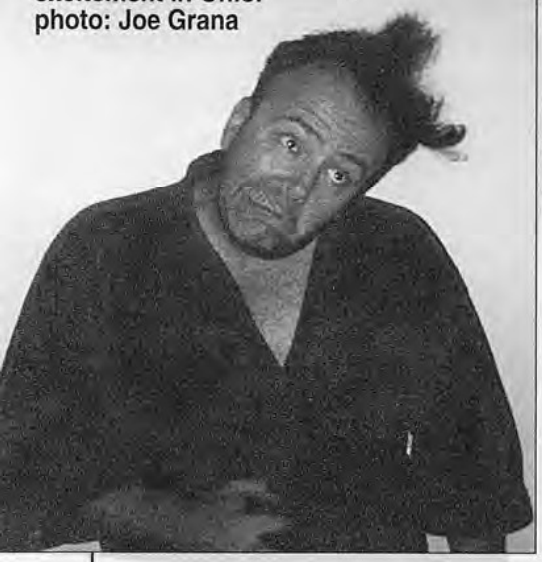
NWA East Coast: The Pitbulls defeated The Misfits for the United States tag titles...Headshrinker Samu (Sam Anoai) has the NWA Eastern heavyweight title...Doug Gilbert is the National heavyweight champ...Brittany Brown has the NWA New England Women's title...The NWA light-heavyweight champion Devon Storm (Chris Ford) has dyed his hair black and is now known simply as Storm.

NWA Florida: Dory Funk Jr. is the Florida heavyweight champion. Buck Quartermane is the Florida junior-heavyweight king. Steve Keirn & B. Brian Blair hold the Florida tag-team gold.

NWA Mid-Atlantic: Steve Corino has the NWA 2000 junior-heavyweight



B.A. Dalton is one of the top stars on the Texas Outlaw Promotions circuit. photo: Jonathan Lewallen



Manager/wrestler Marcial Bovee is providing "hair-raising" excitement in Ohio.
photo: Joe Grana

title...Lance Diamond is the NWA 2000 heavyweight kingpin.

NWA Southwest: Brian Adias is the NWA Texas heavyweight titlist...Ian St. James & Zane Morris are the Texas tag-team champs.

PCW: Promoters Jeff & Ivan Kafory run their Portland, Oregon-based Pacific Coast Wrestling promotion throughout the state. We've heard several conflicting reports regarding the status of this league. As we go to press, it appears that they are on "hiatus." Several top PCW stars are currently competing for Canada's ECCW league.

Buddy Wayne, Tony Kozina, Wilson Kane, Terry Kirk, Big Daddy Thunder, "Bruiser" Brian, Lou Andrews, Richie Magnett, and C.W. Bergstrom worked on the most recent shows.

PWF: Professional Wrestling Federation of Concord, North Carolina recognizes "Gorgeous" George South as the PWF heavyweight champion...The Italian Stallion & The Breeze are the tag kingpins...Cruel Connection #2 has the junior-heavyweight title.

The Rock & Roll Express are expected shortly. "Superstar" Billy Graham (Wayne Coleman) will be lecturing on steroid use and drug abuse soon.

PWX: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania's Pro Wrestling Xpress recognizes T. Rantula as the heavyweight champ. Lou Marconi holds the TV title. Brian Anthony, Paul Atlas, Bubba the Bulldog, and Samoan Gangsta Party compete here.

TOP: Texas Outlaw Promotion of Mineral Wells, Texas recognizes Kris Germany (formerly Kurt von Hess) as the Brass Knuckles and Texas champion. Kit Carson and Kris Germany hold the tag straps. ***NWW***

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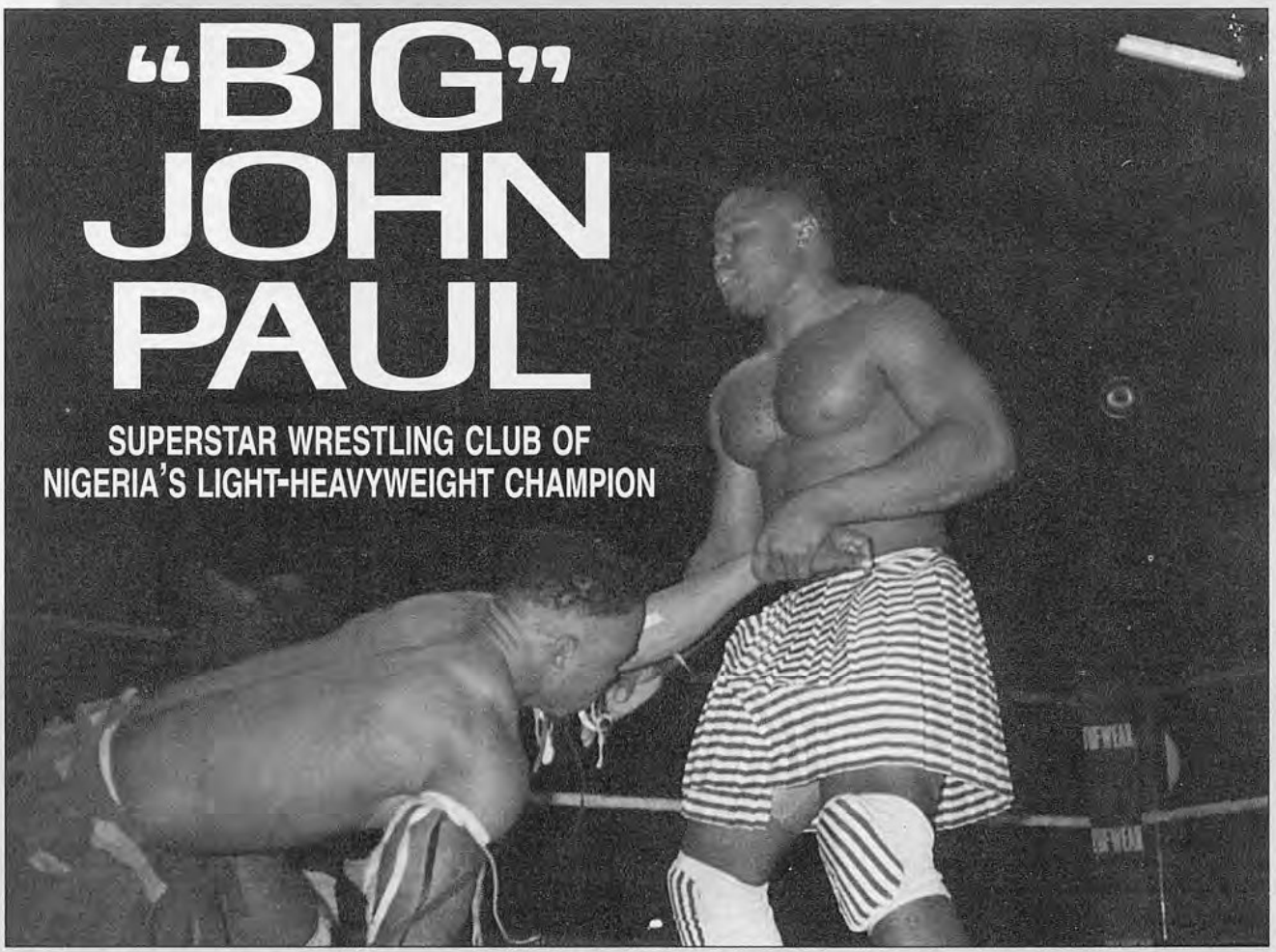

NW: HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU FIRST BEGAN WRESTLING, JOHN?
JP: I began wrestling as an amateur when I was a child, and I made my pro-wrestling debut at the age of 18.
NW: Who trained you?
JP: I was trained by Iron FineFace, who is the African Middleweight champion.
NW: Who was your first opponent?
JP: My first professional opponent was a tough wrestler by the name of Body Max.
NW: What is your real name?
JP: My real name is John Paul Obiorah Okeke.
NW: Why did you decide to become a professional wrestler?
JP: I come from a royal and large family of Okeke in Obunno Village of Anambra State of Nigeria where wrestling has a long and honored history and culture. Since I am from a family of wrestlers, the sport is in my blood, so I joined the league of Nigerian Pro Wrestlers. When I came to Lagos in 1992, I became a professional wrestler.
NW: How did you come up with your ring name "Big" John Paul?
JP: My ring name came from my real name. The fans added "big" because of my skills and strength, not necessarily my size.
NW: What is your height and weight?
JP: I am 5 feet 11 inches and I weigh 210 pounds.
NW: Who were some of your favorite wrestlers as a child?
JP: My childhood wrestling heroes were the Mighty Igor and the late, great "Argentina" Apollo, who toured Africa in the 1970s.
NW: Which wrestling club do you compete in?
JP: I am in the Superstar Wrestling Club of Nigeria.
NW: Which weight category do you wrestle in?
JP: I am in the light-heavyweight category.
NW: Which titles do you hold?
JP: I am the Superstar Wrestling Club light-heavyweight champion. My partner Kally Mackson Jack and I hold the Club tag championship. We're the number-one contenders for the Nigerian Wrestling Federation tag-team championship.
NW: Who has been your toughest opponent to date?
JP: They have all been tough in one way or another, but I have always proven myself to be tougher.
NW: How has your wrestling career gone since you first started?
JP: It has been up and down, but I thank God for everything that has happened to me. So far so good.
NW: How often do you train?
JP: I have a personal gym at home and I train on a daily basis. I do weight training in the morning and

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practice my pro-wrestling moves in the evening.

NW: When do you take time to rest?

JP: Rest? I only rest when I am sleeping. You can't expect me to rest when I have not achieved my goal of competing on an international level among the world's top wrestlers. There are so many impossibilities that I am planning to overcome and achieve in wrestling.

NW: What's it like wrestling with your tag partner around the country against different opponents?

JP: It is quite an achievement to tour the nation and appear before huge crowds of pro-wrestling fans, but my ultimate desire is to go around the world on a wrestling tour, and I will surely achieve my goal.

NW: Have you had any serious injuries in the ring?

JP: No, I have never had any serious injuries. As I've said before, I have always been tougher than my ring competitors.

NW: You have made up your mind to continue your pro-wrestling career in America. Do you think you will be able to cope well in the U.S.?

JP: Even the sky will be afraid to be my limit! My ultimate goal is to be the world's best wrestler.

NW: Is wrestling a major topic of conversation in your family?

JP: Yes. Since I come from a family of wrestlers, we're always comparing notes. I also read all the wrestling magazines and watch all the videos to keep myself up-to-date on what's going on around the world.

NW: What do you think of the publicity African wrestling receives?

JP: Kudos to ***New Wave Wrestling***. They have singlehandedly been publicizing African mat news around the world.

NW: What do you think of female wrestling?

JP: I'm training two women right now. I believe what a man can do, a woman can do even better!

NW: Are you married?

JP: No, not yet.

NW: How may fans and promoters contact you?

JP: Please write to: Big John Fan Club, Box 2965, Somolu, Lagos, Nigeria.

NW: Thank you, John. Good luck with all your plans! ***NWW***

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Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 3 Jimmy Garvin (with Precious) vs. Billy Brooks. Steve Regal & Jim Garvin attack Wahoo McDaniel. Louisiana title: JYD vs. the Grappler. Mississippi title: Orton, Jr. (with Orndorff & Samoans) vs. Mike George (with Dusty Rhodes & JYD). Dusty brawls with Orndorff & Orton. Ed Wiskowski & Orton vs. DiBiase & Mr. Olympia. JYD vs. Masked Terry Orndorff (Shane Douglas) with Paul Orndorff & "Bob Orton Jr.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 4 Nick Bockwinkel vs. Manny Fernandez. David & Kerry von Erich vs. Gene Yates & Baron von Krupp.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 5 Bruno Sammartino & Bruiser vs. Ernie Ladd & Baron von Raschke. Crusher, Bruiser, & Little Bruiser vs. Bobby Heenan & Blackjacks. Tully Blanchard vs. Manny Fernandez.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 6 Andre vs. Sheik. Jay Strongbow vs. Don Kent (shark cage match). Pampero Firpo vs. Doncy. Bruiser Brody & Scott Casey vs. Kiniski & Spoiler.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 7 Terry "Hulk" Boulder (Hulk Hogan) vs. Andre the Giant (arm wrestling). Bob Ellis vs. Bobby Heenan.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 8 Nick Bockwinkel vs. Magnum T.A. Ivan Putski vs. Eddie Mansfield. Tito Santana vs. Kelly Kiniski.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 9 Chief Wahoo McDaniel vs. Tully Blanchard. The Sheik vs. Tom Jones. Bobo Brazil vs. Michael Angelo.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol 10 The Sheik vs. Tiger Jeet Singh (mud match). Terry Boulder (Hulk Hogan) vs. the Outlaw. Tully Blanchard & Gino Hernandez vs. Scott Casey & Magnum T.A.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 11 Terry Taylor vs. Sabu Samoa. Wahoo McDaniel, Marty Jannetty & Tom Rogers vs. Grapplers & Ted Oates.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 12 Short clips & full bouts with Gorgeous George, Fritz von Erich, Whipper Watson, Yukon Eric, Rogers, Brazil & more.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 13 Butch Reed vs. The Giant Kamala.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 14 Jim Duggan vs. Ted DiBiase (street fight).

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 15 Ric Flair vs. Terry Taylor.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 16 Ric Flair vs. Wahoo McDaniel.

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 17 Ted DiBiase & Steve Williams vs. Hector & Chavo Guerrero (cage).

Super Wrestling All Stars Vol. 18 Jim Cornette & the Midnight Express vs. Fantastics & Jim Duggan.

Tag Team TV pilot starring Roddy Piper & Jesse Ventura.

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World's Greatest Wrestling Vol. 1 Hulk Hogan vs. Jerry Lawler. Nick Bockwinkel vs. Manny Fernandez. The Sheik vs. Mark Lewin.

World's Greatest Wrestling Vol. 2 Savage & Poffo vs. R&R Express. Blondes vs. PYTs. Savage vs. Lawler (cage).

World's Greatest Wrestling Vol. 3 Andre & Dusty Rhodes vs. the Samoans & Ernie Ladd. T. Charles vs. Paul Orndorff. Orton Jr. vs. Jim Garvin. The Iron Sheik vs. King Kobra. Juan Zapata vs. Mr. Olympia.

World's Greatest Wrestling Vol. 4 JYD vs. Bob Roop. Ted DiBiase vs. Paul Orndorff. DiBiase vs. Ed Wiskowski. JYD & Mike George vs. the Samoans. JYD & Brian Blair vs. the Samoans.

World's Greatest Wrestling Vol. 5 Randy Savage & Lanny Poffo vs. the R&R Express. Rick Rude, Jim Neidhart, Ox Baker & Assassin vs. Robert Reed, Tiger Mask, Keith Eric & Mad Dog. Road Warriors vs. Austin Idol & Lawler. Terry Boulder (Hulk) vs. the Outlaw.

World's Greatest Wrestling Vol. 7 Lawler vs. Kamala. Ray Stevens, Blackjack Mulligan & Baron von Raschke vs. Crusher, Bruiser & Sailor Art Thomas.

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INTERNATIONAL SLAMS

African middleweight champ Iron FineFace (left) & National light-heavyweight titleholder Sunny Wonder (right) are kings of the African rings. photo: Sesan Olukoya

AFRICA

IWCN: Since our last issue, all the championships have remained constant on the International Wrestling Club of Nigeria scene. The World Katanka is the IWCN titleholder...Tina Terror continues as the IWCN World Class Women's champion...IWCN superheavyweight champion is "Nigerian Police Force" O.C. Muzeze..."Monkey Man" Prime Tornado is the IWCN light-heavyweight titleholder...Terror Kid is the IWCN middleweight champion...M.C. Original is the welterweight champion...The Marvelous Iron Brothers are the National and African tag-team champions.

IWF/UWF: The league in South Africa recognizes Tatanka (Chris Chavis) of WWF fame as both the CWA and the IWF World heavyweight champ...Pink Panther is the AAWF All-African mid-heavyweight kingpin...The CWA South African superheavyweight title remains around Danie Voges' waist...Wrecking Crew's Fury (Marc Laurinatis) and Rage (Al Greene) are still recognized as the World tag-team champions.

Others competing on the circuit include: The Scorpion, The Tornado, Giant Warrior, P.J. Black, "Prince of Africa" Robson Kapora, Veemax, Gypsey Roulette, J.D. Diamanto, and "Fighting Frenchman" Terri Middoux.

NWF: Tony Destroyer defeated Big Ballo for the Nigerian Wrestling Federation World heavyweight title... Sunny Wonder wears the National light-heavyweight gold...Ariba Swan is the NWF middleweight champion...Iron FineFace holds the National middleweight crown...Tya Mupepe is the cruiserweight champion...Liberia's De Stubborn Headache (Sandra Varney Sherif) is the African Women's title pin queen.

WWWA: The World Wide Wrestling Association is based in Entebbe, Uganda and conducts tours of the region on an irregular basis. Current recognized champions are as follows: King Kong Bundy (Chris Pallies) is the WWWA World heavyweight champion; Abdullah the Butcher (Lawrence Shreeve) is the Brass Knuckles titleholder; "Musoke" Tony Atlas (Tony White) is the African Continental kingpin, and Sweet Destiny is the Women's champion.

AUSTRALIA

APW: Australasian Pro Wrestling is based in Melbourne. No title changes have occurred since our last issue. George Gulio is the Victorian heavyweight champ...The Blade Runner is the Victorian lightweight titleholder...Bully and Kid Thunder hold the tag-team straps.

AWA: The Australian Wrestling Association of Sydney recognizes Greg Smitt as the AWA heavyweight champion...The Gangsta is the lightweight titleholder...Jumping Josh holds the Roy

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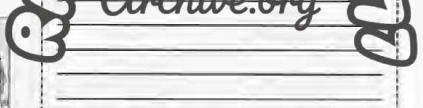
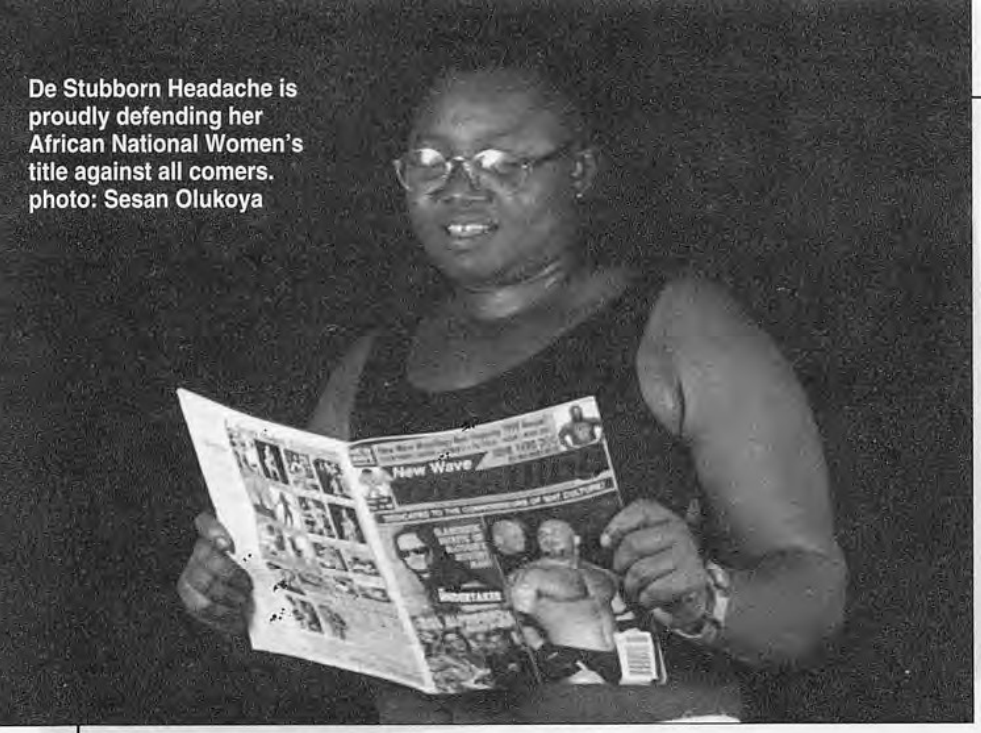




De Stubborn Headache is proudly defending her African National Women's title against all comers. photo: Sesan Olukoya

Tony Kozina.

The Ladies Choice captured the vacant ECCW heavyweight championship in an elimination battle royal, but he soon lost it to Randy Tyler...The BBC ("Iron" Mike Roselli & Randy Tyler) hold the NWA Canadian tag straps...Michelle Starr & Johnny Canuck are the ECCW tag-team champions.

A newcomer named Larry Zbyszko Jr. has been competing here. As we go to press, we have been unable to verify his relationship to the former AWA World champion...The Honky Tonk Man (Wayne Ferris) is expected to compete here by the time you read this.

Others on the circuit include: Matt "Borne" Osbourne, Destruction, Ray Brooks, and Super Chad.

ICW: The Vancouver, British Columbia

Heffernan Memorial trophy.

WCW: Stars of Australia's World Championship Wrestling (circa 1960s & 1970s) recently came together at *One World Sport* in Sydney for a special reunion. On hand were such stellar performers as George Barnes, Steve Rackman, Con Dandos, Ron Miller, Jan Jansen, and Mario Milano. They all looked as if they could still handle themselves in the professional ring.

AUSTRIA & GERMANY

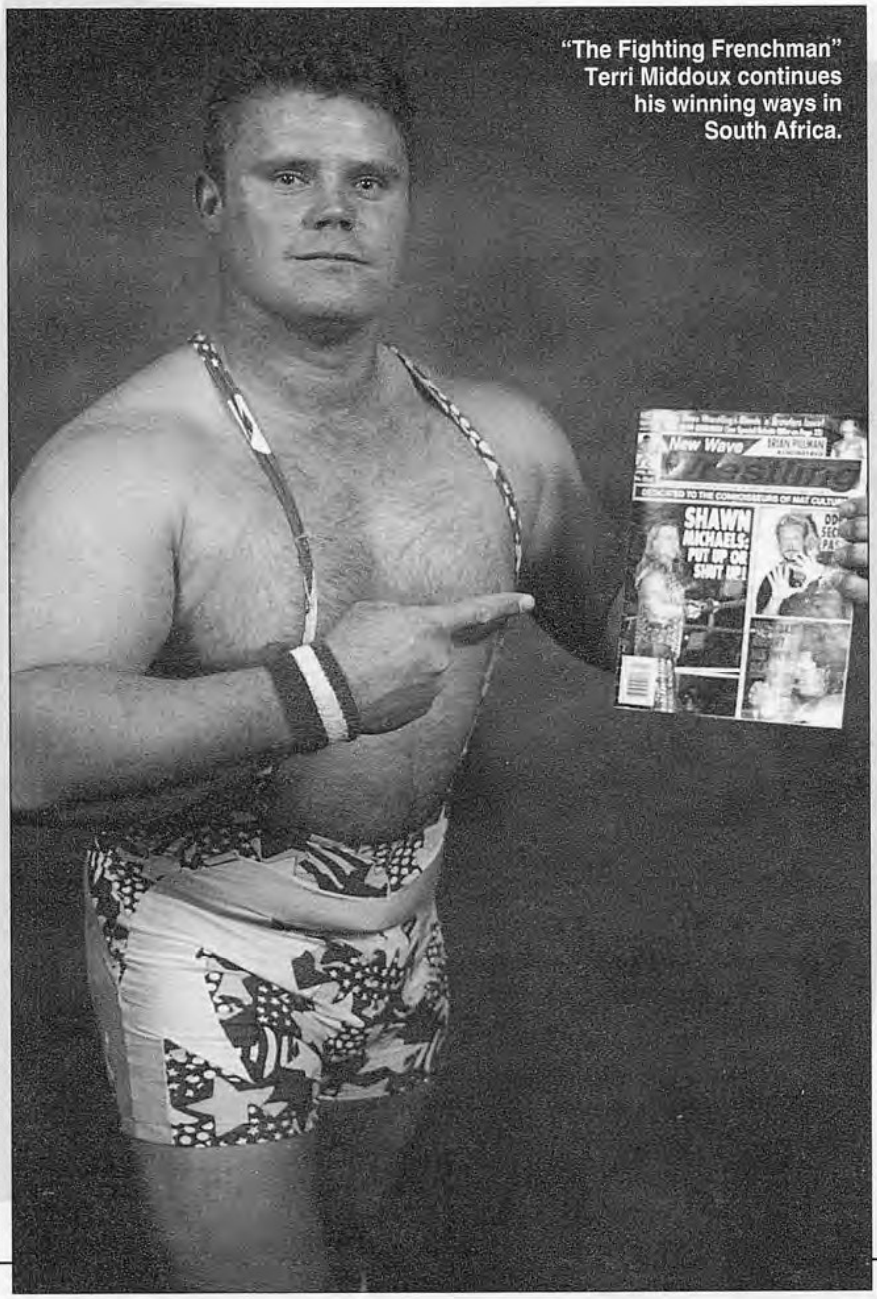
CWA: The Catch Wrestling Association Intercontinental title was stripped from Dave "Fit" Finlay for failing to defend the crown. (He's currently wrestling for WCW in the United States.) The vacant belt was captured by Great Britain's Robbie Brookside.

The Commonwealth titleholder Tony St. Clair is now also recognized as the Shootfight champion...Franz Schumann continues as the middleweight champion ...Karsten Kretschmer holds the CWA junior-heavyweight title.

Others appearing on the circuit include: The Bounty Hunter, Cannonball Grizzly, Bruiser Mastino, Ice Train (of WCW fame), Rhino Richards, August Smisl, Eddie Steinblock, and Christian Eckstein.

CANADA

ECCW/NWA•PNW: Extremely Canadian Championship Wrestling of British Columbia is now known as "NWA Pacific Northwest" and the promotion recognizes Dan "The Beast" Severn as the NWA World heavyweight champion...The junior-heavyweight title has been furiously bouncing back and forth between the Torch and "Tornado"



"The Fighting Frenchman" Terri Middoux continues his winning ways in South Africa.

The Great Rajah is a colorful competitor from Durban, South Africa.

group recognizes "The Streetfighter" Tim Flowers as the International Championship Wrestling heavyweight titleholder...The WWWA Women's title is vacant.

The Honky Tonk Man, Sumito, Randy Taylor, "Bad News" Allen (Alan Coage), and Dr. Bob Miller have competed here recently.

NCW: The Quebec-based organization recognizes Iceman as their heavyweight champion. Guy Williams defeated Black Eagle for the TV title...The Giant Golem holds the Inter-City belt...The Vipers have the tag-team titles.

COSTA RICA

Luchamania: The American Express is the heavyweight champion. We have no listing of any other champions as we go to press.

Panckro, Mutante, Black Power, Villano, Depredador, Zarco 7, Muerte, and Renegado have competed recently.

GREAT BRITAIN

All Star: Several top stars from Nigeria—African middleweight champion Iron FineFace, African National light-heavyweight titleholder Sunny Wonder, Jack Power, and Power Ola—are expected to tour by the time you read this.

No title changes have occurred since the last issue. They are as follows: Marty Jones is the World middle-heavyweight champ...Brian Maxine is the British middleweight kingpin...Jimmy Ocean has the lightweight gold.

BWF: Boston Blackie continues as the British Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion...Johnny Saint is still the World lightweight titleholder.

Hammerlock: J.J. Pallo pinned Shane to win the recent Superfight tournament in Hertford...Gary Steele won a recent royal rumble...Steele, along with partner Paul Travell, defeated Andre Baker & Jonny Storm in a hair vs. hair match.

PCPW: The Worcester-based promotion recognizes Clive Cannell as English middleweight champion...The Gangster (Gareth Humphreys) defeated "The Living Legend" Lewis Blain for the MEGA heavyweight title.

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Montego Bay, Negril, and Kingston. King Kong Bundy is the World heavyweight titleholder. Peggy Lee Leather is the WWC Women's champion.

JAPAN

All-Japan: Jun Izumida & Tamon Honda defeated Johnny Smith & Wolf Hawkfield for the Asian tag-team titles...American stars Bart Gunn, Johnny Ace, Stan Hansen, and Vader have competed during the recent series.

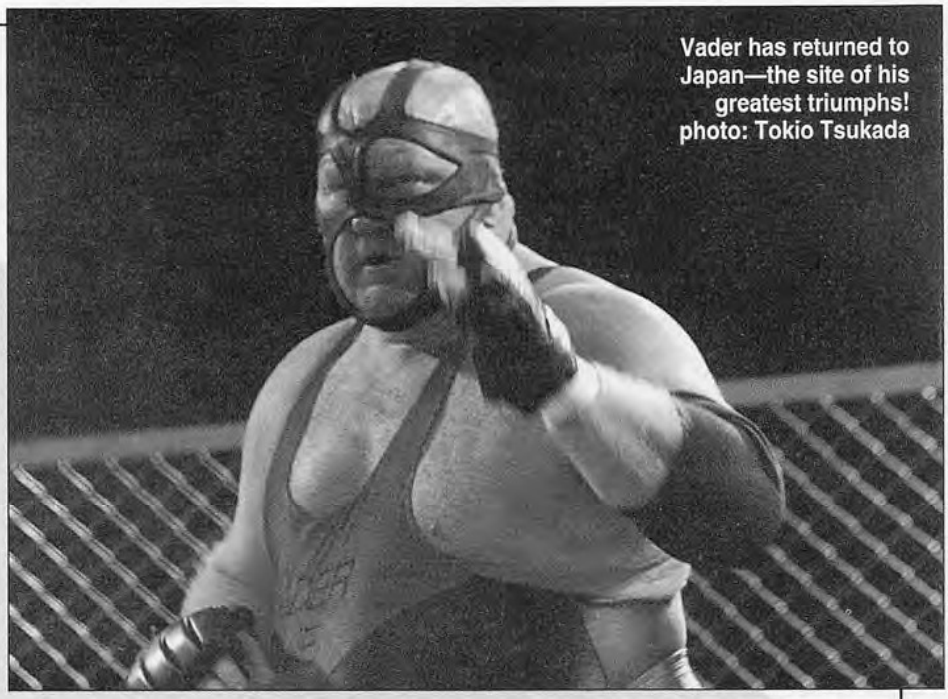
Mitsuharu Misawa is the Triple Crown champion. Toshiaki Kawata and Akira Taue hold the tag-team titles.

New Japan: The injured IWGP heavyweight champion—Masa Chono—was forced to vacate the title. Scott "Flash" Norton defeated Yuji Nagata to capture the vacant strap.

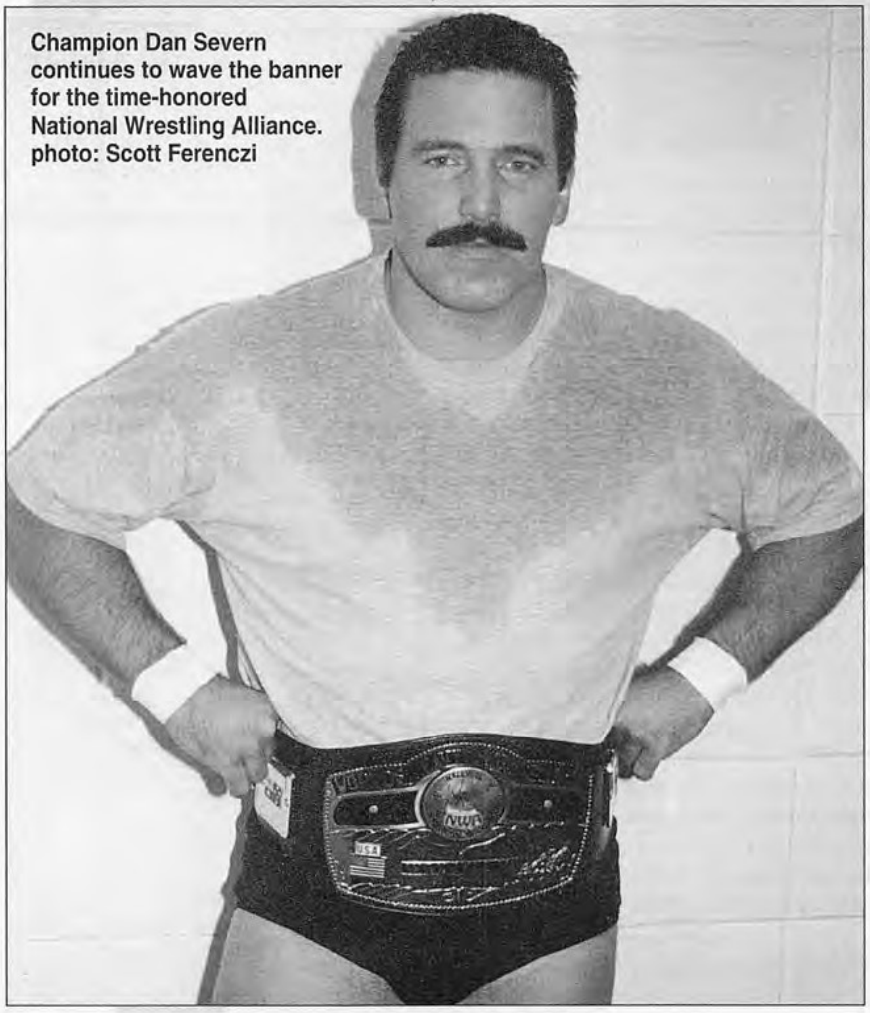
Shiro Koshinaka & Genichiro Tenryu hold the IWGP tag-team championship belts...Jushin Lyger continues as the IWGP junior-heavyweight pin king... Shinjiro Otani & Tatsuhito Takaiwa still hold the IWGP junior-heavyweight tag-team titles.

LEBANON

All Stars: South Africa's SAWING (South African Wrestling International New Generation) are scheduling regular tours of Beirut and Tripoli. All-African mid-heavyweight champ Pink Panther, the CWA South African superheavyweight champion Danie Voges, Dave Morgan, Victor Kruger, and CWA World heavyweight champion Tatanka have competed on recent tours.



Vader has returned to Japan—the site of his greatest triumphs! photo: Tokio Tsukada



Champion Dan Severn continues to wave the banner for the time-honored National Wrestling Alliance. photo: Scott Ferenczi

MEXICO

AAA: Los Vipers (Psychosis, Histeria, Maniaco & Mosco de la Merced) defeated Los Payasos for the eight-man tag-team championship.

EMLL: EMLL/CMLL titleholder Rayo de Jalisco Jr. is feuding with Cien Caras...The CMLL welterweight champion is Halcon Negro...Ricky Santana (Aldo Ortiz) defeated Apollo Dantes in a hair vs. hair match.

PANAMA

SLP: We have no listing of champions under the Super Lucha Promotions banner. Manuel Guerra, the Beast Man, Azor, Africano, Super Bowl, and Blue Demon Jr. have competed recently.

PUERTO RICO

NWF: No champs listed at press time. Jose Luis Rivera, Tony Lopez, Super Medico I (Jose Estrada Sr.), and Chicky Starr have worked on recent National Wrestling Federation shows.

WWC: World Wrestling Council Universal champion Ray Gonzalez (Rámon González Rivera) is feuding with El Nene (Milton Claudio)...The Intercontinental heavyweight championship is held by Pierroth Jr. (Norberto Salgado)...Rockero (Luis Oscar Zayas) has the WWC junior-heavyweight gold...Shane the Glamour Boy (Shane Sweud) holds the Puerto Rican title.

Vilano III, Invader I, El Texano, "Bouncer" Bruno, and the Enforcer have all competed on recent shows. ***NWW***

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Hi, Mike!

This is just a quick note to thank you for mentioning the passing of my husband Bobo Johnson. ***NWW*** was his favorite magazine, and I'm sure he's happy to know that he's being remembered by fans around the world.

For most of his career, Bobo was a luchador in Mexico, but he competed in Southwest U.S. wrestling rings as well.

In 1968, Bobo's spine was severely injured during a match, and in spite of his doctor's warnings, he continued to wrestle until 1987, at which time he could barely walk. He literally devoted his entire life to pro wrestling.

Despite serious health issues, he was always a happy man. He had a big heart and an upbeat attitude to go with it. No one knew the pain he experienced on a daily basis.

I was blessed and privileged to be his wife.

Suzie Johnson
San Francisco, California

Dear Mike,

I agree with your commentary in issue #35. It would be great if the "monstrously mammaried valets would take their zeppelin-like torsos and drift away." This is the main reason I'm not attending the WWF traveling roadshow at the Corel Centre. Too many ringside bimbos with their silicone boobs hanging out.

Kathy Morin
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mike,

The WWF seems to be trapped in the bimbo zone. The only cool female in the WWF is Chyna, a warrior queen that strong, like-minded women can appreciate, but, unfortunately, she's outnumbered.

Much as I love the Undertaker, it's reaching a point where I don't even want to watch anymore.

If the WWF is trying to drive away its female fans, they're about to succeed with me. I don't support men who disrespect women. Or women who disrespect themselves. The value of a real woman far exceeds the sum of her body parts. It's a lesson Vince McMahon Jr. should have learned years ago. Maybe Chyna could teach him.

Susan Pence
Houston, Texas

Dear Mike,

In response to David Millican's question in issue #34 on the whereabouts of the WCCW World title belt, the belt is now in the possession of Kevin Von Erich who has defended the title on east Texas indie wrestling shows.

As for John Clapp's question about Chaz, he, too, is wrestling on the eastern Texas independent circuit with his father Tugboat Taylor.

Kevin S. Hammack
Bossier City, Louisiana

Dear Mike,

Why do all talented WWF & WCW wrestlers get shuffled aside in favor of big, untalented glory hogs? It's a shame to see great wrestlers like Kaientai and Scott Putski never given the opportunity to climb the ladder. At least talent is recognized and given the chance to blossom into championship status in ECW.

Jay Zaretsky
Aurora, Canada

Mike's Memo: Thanks to Tim Clark (Creedmoor, N.C.); Shaun Dick (Hornell, N.Y.); Pamela Gordon (Thunder Bay, Ont., Canada); Josh Hall (Lincoln City, Ore.); and Sandra Schäffler (Heilsbronn, Germany)! They all tagged in to answer last issue's Pinfo question from Sam Dunkley. The WWF's Stalker was played by Barry Windham.

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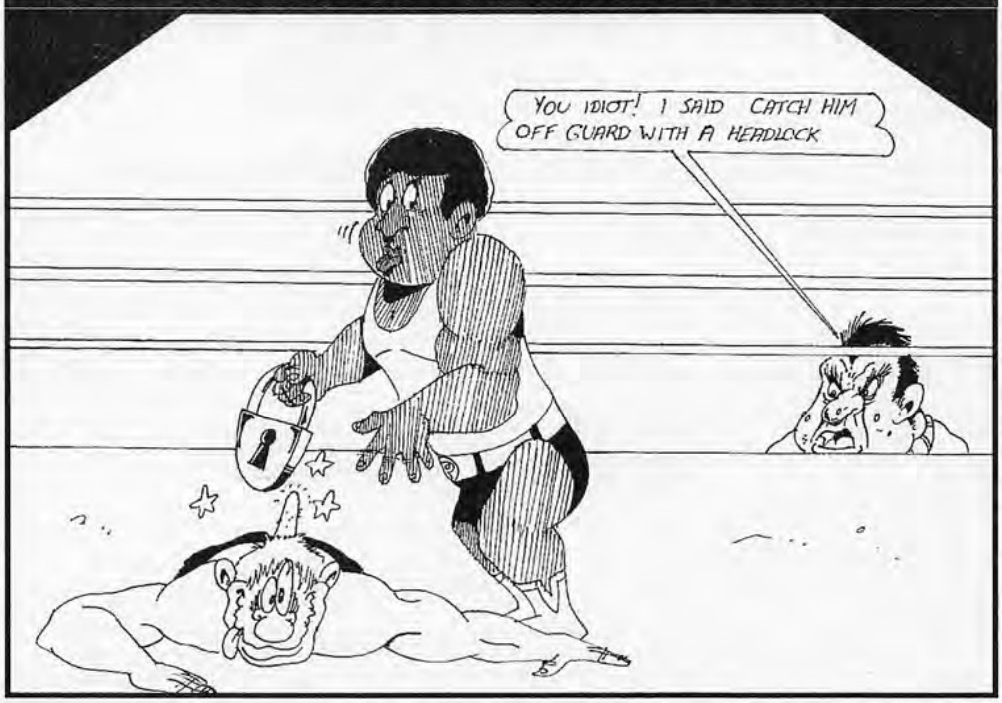

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PINFORMATION

Q: What federation were HHH and Saturn partners in? If the Outlaws break up, will Jesse Jammes rejoin the Armstrong brothers in WCW? Will Val Venis replace the Outlaws in D-X? Are Bart and Billy Gunn really brothers? When will El Vampiro Canadiense wrestle in WCW?

Shaun Dick
Hornell, New York

A: HHH & Saturn held the IWF tag-team titles in New England. This promotion is run by Walter "Killer" Kowalski, who trained both men for the wrestling ranks.

There are no plans in the foreseeable future for "Road Dog" Jesse Jammes to rejoin his brothers the Armstrongs. Val will probably remain a solo act.

Bart and Billy Gunn are not brothers. (We've been running their real names for well over the last two years!)

Vampiro made his debut in WCW several months ago, so he should be competing full-time in the not-too-distant future.

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Q: What are the real names of Raven, Val Venis & Wrath? Where is Jake "The Snake" Roberts? What happened to Ultimo Dragon?

Collin Breaux
Marrero, Louisiana

A: Raven is Scott Levy; Val is Sean Morley; and Wrath is Bryan Clarke. Jake recently competed for ECW. After sustaining numerous injuries Ultimo Dragon (Yoshiro Asai), 31, has retired.

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Q: What happened to the Spellbinder? Did he wrestle under different names? Where is Red Beard? He wrestled in the early 1970s.

Tony Pastor
Miami, Florida

A: The Spellbinder (Del Rios) currently wrestles under the name of Streak in Memphis, Tennessee. He has also competed under such colorful monikers as Fantasio and Magnificent Maurice.

Can any ***New Waver*** help with info on Red Beard?

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Q: Why does the WWF constantly mention WCW when WCW has stopped mentioning the WWF? The Ultimate Warrior is now the Warrior in WCW. Is this for legal reasons? Why does the WWF alienate its greatest champions like Bruno Sammartino, "Superstar" Graham, and Hulk Hogan? Do you think that WCW stealing talent from the WWF is similar to what the WWF did to other federations in the 1980s?

Justice Shea
Boston, Massachusetts

A: Now that the WWF has been steadily winning its fair share of the "Monday night ratings wars," I think you'll find them mentioning WCW less often.

Yes, Jim Hellwig is now called "The Warrior" as a legal concession.

Sadly, the entire wrestling industry has never placed much emphasis on their stars of yesteryear because it's not profitable enough for the powers that be. That's why the so-called "Hall of Fame" confabs lack authenticity.

I think "stealing" is a rather strong term for what has taken place over the past 15 years in the wrestling business. A professional wrestler's career is relatively short (although you probably wouldn't think so from the likes of Hulk, Ric, and Bret), and if someone is willing to pay you more money for your services, you'd probably jump ship, too. Both leagues have lured top talent by offering better pay.

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Q: Is Dakota really the daughter of Marlena and Dustin Runnels? Or is she the late Brian Pillman's daughter?

Mandy Pearson
Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia

A: Dakota is the daughter of Terri (formerly Marlena) and Dustin Runnels. Don't believe those silly storylines, please!

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Q: What ever happened to "Flying" Fred Curry, "Wild Bull" Curry, Dick the Bruiser, Bobo Brazil, Rip Collins, Mickey Doyle, the Original Sheik, Batman and Robin?

William T. Smith
Ashland, Kentucky

A: "Flying" Fred Curry has retired, and he now runs a private-detective service. "Wild Bull" Curry, Dick the Bruiser, Bobo Brazil, and Rip Collins are sadly no longer with us today. Mickey Doyle has retired and lives in Michigan. The Original Sheik has retired, but he still tours Japan from time to time as a special guest. Batman (Tony Marino) has retired and lives in Florida. I don't remember who played "Robin." His whereabouts are unknown. Can any ***New Waver*** help with info?

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Q: Are the Undertaker and Road Dog related? Where are "Macho Man" Randy Savage and Yokozuna?

Tom Cullen
Blackwood, New Jersey

A: The Undertaker (Mark Calaway) and Road Dog (Brian James) are not related. Randy, who has been mending, I believe, a broken leg, should be back in action by the time you read this mat mag. Yokozuna (Rodney Anoai) will probably return to the ring once he reaches his goal weight of 400 pounds.

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Q: I'm a big fan of the independents and grew fond of a few wrestlers who fell off the face of the Earth. Where are Mario Mancini, Joe Cruise, and Kenny Kendall these days? Are Val Venis and "Powerhouse" Tim Parker—who wrestled in WCW from 1988-93—the same person? Are Lodi and Bart Sawyer the same person?

Lisa Walters
New York, New York

A: Mario Mancini promoted and wrestled in Connecticut over the past few years. Kenny Kendall still wrestles on the independent circuit in Florida. Joe Cruise's whereabouts are unknown.

Val and Tim are two separate athletes. Lodi and Bart Sawyer are definitely not the same person.

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Q: Is Steve Austin currently married to his former manager Lady Blossom? When and why did Dino Bravo die? How old was he? Who is Bruce Prichard of the WWF? Is he any relation to Tom Prichard?

Tracy Clingenpeel
Ferrum, Virginia

A: Yes, Steve Austin is married to his former manager the lovely Lady Blossom (Jeannie Clark).

Dino Bravo (Adolpho Brescino) was killed gangland style by a hail of bullets while at home in Loval, Quebec, Canada on March 11, 1993. He was only 44 years old.

Bruce Prichard handles various aspects of the WWF's television production. Many of you will remember him best as "Brother Love," the original manager of The Undertaker upon his arrival in the WWF.

Bruce is the brother of Tom Prichard, who is kept very busy as one of the top instructors at the WWF's training facility in Connecticut.

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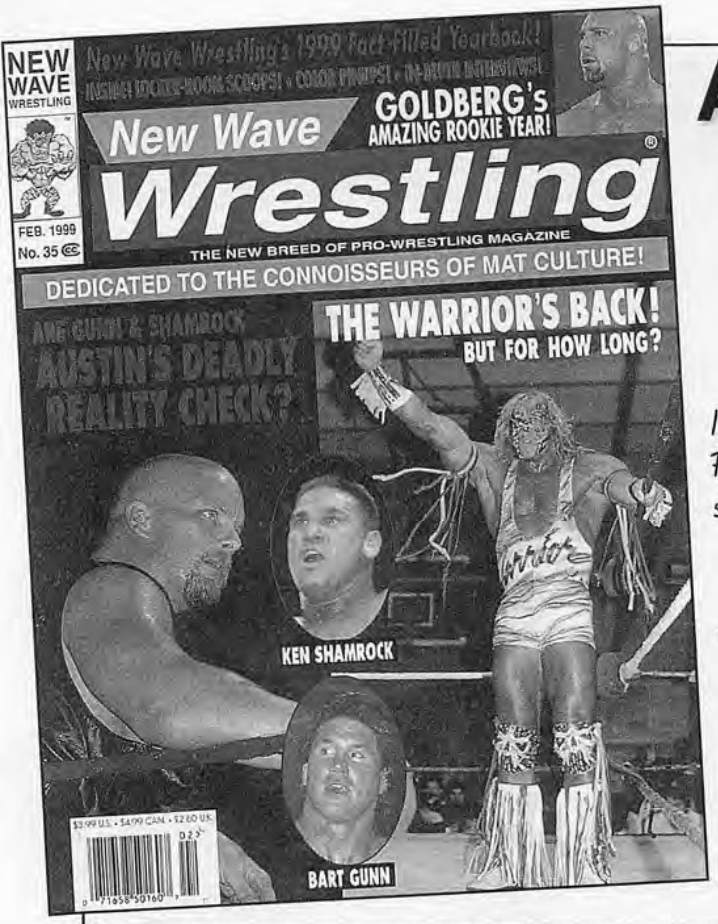

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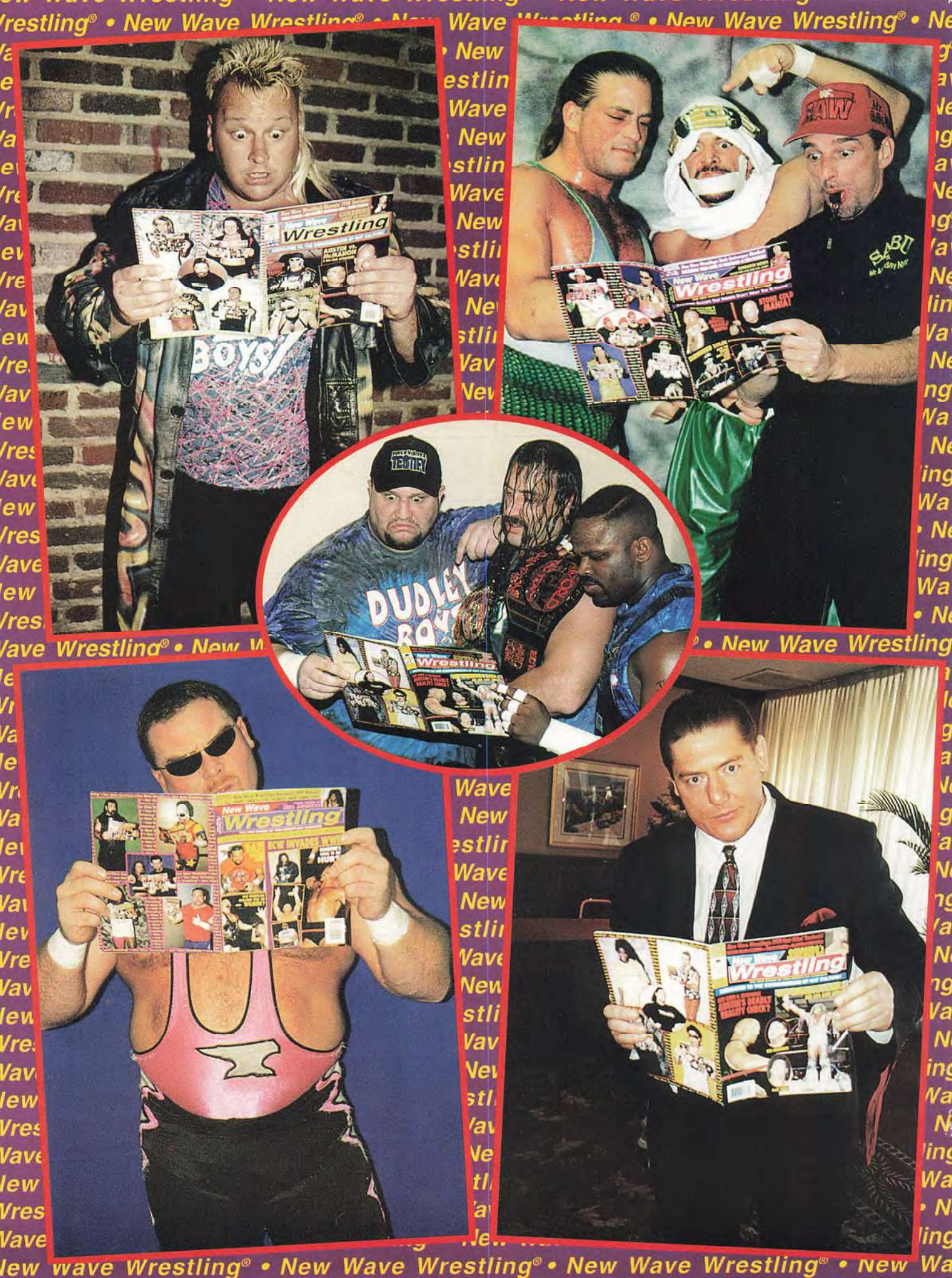
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